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ELECTION 2006: KENSINGTON POLICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## Kensington candidates sound off

Police Protection and Community Services District  
 candidates sound off on their visions for the future

By Justin Hill  
 STAFF WRITER  
 No matter how the Nov. 7  
 Kensington Police Protection and  
 Community Services District  
 election turns out, at least one non-incumbent  
 will emerge victorious.  
 Current Director Clara Wood

decided not to seek re-election,  
 leaving her seat up for grabs,  
 while a pair of directors — Bruce  
 Morrow and Pat McLaughlin —  
 chose to launch re-election bids.

Three challengers have en-  
 tered the race as well: Cindy Kim-  
 ball, Danny Scher and Bill Wright.  
 So, Kensington residents have

a choice of five candidates for  
 three seats. The district provides  
 police services, maintains the com-  
 munity center and park, and man-  
 ages the community's contract for  
 solid waste and recycling services.  
 It is currently searching for a new  
 police chief/general manager.

The Journal asked the candi-  
 dates about issues the district is  
 facing. Here are their e-mailed  
 responses:

Q: What is the main issue the

board is currently facing? How  
 do you plan on addressing it?

**Bruce Morrow:** The main is-  
 sue is to find a new police chief  
 and general manager who is at-  
 tuned to the needs and expecta-  
 tions of the community. Providing  
 (the department) with the tools it  
 will need to protect and secure the  
 community. We have been actively  
 involved in that selection and re-  
 cruitment process, working with  
 the citizenry in that process.

**Bill Wright:** First of all, we  
 need to make sure that the police  
 department is structured appro-  
 priately. To accomplish this, I will  
 supplement the findings of the  
 pending audit with broad com-  
 munity input. Secondly, I will work  
 with the board to ensure that our  
 park is not sold or given away.

**Pat McLaughlin:** The selec-  
 tion of a competent and respon-  
 sible permanent police chief/gen-  
 eral manager who can engender

high morale in our law enforce-  
 ment team, and can relate well  
 to the community is paramount.  
 This can best be accomplished  
 by diligent research into the  
 backgrounds of potential candi-  
 dates, as well as developing a  
 well thought-out discussion plan  
 for personal interviews.

**Danny Scher:** Select a new,  
 strong police chief; work with the

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## Hopefuls accused of campaign violations

Albany council  
 candidates O'Keefe, Papalia  
 face financial wrongdoing

By Justin Hill  
 STAFF WRITER  
 Two Albany residents have  
 been accused of violating city  
 and state campaign finance laws.  
 The lawsuit was filed Wednes-  
 day in Alameda County Superior  
 Court. The City Council is sched-  
 uled to meet in executive session  
 today in relation to separate  
 allegations of campaign finance  
 violations.

The purpose of the meeting is  
 to discuss whether the city  
 should further investigate or pur-  
 sue litigation in connection with  
 the letter that asks the city to stop  
 alleged Albany Neighbors  
 (AN), O'Keefe and candidate  
 Papalia from continu-  
 ing to violate the Albany Cam-  
 paign Finance Reform Act and  
 make other actions to make  
 sure they are in compliance.

O'Keefe, Papalia and Sally  
 Dair, chairwoman of CAN, said  
 the campaigns and committees  
 are doing nothing wrong.  
 "These are scurrilous charges,  
 and there's nothing to say about  
 them because they're totally  
 unfounded," said Outis in response  
 to the letter. Outis, along with  
 members of CAN and the O'Keefe  
 campaign committee, is named as  
 defendant in the lawsuit.

Papalia said the letter is part  
 of a highly organized and or-  
 ganized assault on the Albany  
 electoral process by environ-  
 mental groups in an attempt to  
 sway who gets elected. He said  
 he plans on submitting a com-  
 plaint on Monday's meeting about  
 the fundraising of candidates  
 like Atkinson and Joanne Wile.

The suit's claims stem from at  
 least two pieces of CAN campaign  
 finance mailings and hand-deliv-  
 eries to the residences of Albany  
 residents last month and this month.  
 The suit says that CAN's ex-  
 ecutives for the fliers were  
 sent at the behest of O'Keefe by  
 one of her husband, who was  
 serving as assistant treasurer of  
 CAN and a member of his wife's  
 campaign committee at the same  
 time. The expenditures were in-  
 kind contributions by a "non-in-  
 dividual person" to a candidate,  
 a violation of city campaign fi-  
 nance law and state campaign  
 finance law.

O'Keefe said she and her hus-  
 band have separated their cam-  
 paign activities, and there has  
 been no coordination between  
 her and her campaign commit-  
 tee.

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## BEST PERFORMANCE IN A SUPPORTING ROLE



MEMBERS of the Friends of the Cerrito Theater gather in front of the new movie house in El Cerrito on Tuesday. The group spearheaded the effort to save and restore the theater after the building served for decades as a furniture storage facility.



THE MARQUEE of the new Cerrito Theater was lit for the first time on Monday. It will reopen to the public on Wednesday.

## Friends credited with saving theater

■ Hundreds signed on with grass-roots group that was driving force behind the restoration of Cerrito Theater

By Justin Hill  
 STAFF WRITER  
 For decades, the remnants of  
 a movie house from El Cerrito's  
 past remained largely hidden  
 from public view, tucked away  
 inside a furniture storage facility  
 on San Pablo Avenue.

Elements of the Cerrito The-  
 ater's heyday were certainly  
 there — including the art deco  
 murals of Greek gods and dan-  
 cing maidens, and the barrel ceil-  
 ing and its decorative painting —

but they were gracing a storage  
 facility for Kiefer's furniture store  
 instead of a movie house from  
 the first half of the 20th century.

"Without a marquee and ev-  
 erything, it doesn't look like a theater,"  
 said El Cerrito resident Lori Dair.  
 "It was kind of a big mystery."

But the community, organized  
 as the Friends of the Cerrito The-  
 ater, raised the curtain on the  
 movie house more than four years  
 ago — and everything changed.

On Wednesday, the Cerrito

Theater will once again show  
 movies, and while the organiza-  
 tion was not solely responsible  
 for the project's success, it is  
 credited for getting it started and  
 keeping it going.

"Without the Friends, it  
 wouldn't have happened," said  
 Jill Keimach, former El Cerrito  
 community development direc-  
 tor. "They were very, very hands-  
 on and proactive. And it was a  
 pleasure to work with them."

When El Cerrito resident  
 Dave Weinstein heard the build-  
 ing was sold in 2001 after  
 Kiefer's had closed, he wanted  
 to preserve it. After he told the

city about the historic artwork,  
 Keimach decided to pursue re-  
 turning the building to a theater.

But after a deal to operate the  
 building as a theater fell apart,  
 the Friends of the Cerrito The-  
 ater formed on Feb. 17, 2002, in  
 Dair's living room. The organiz-  
 ers — Dair, Weinstein and Pam  
 Challinor — had concluded that  
 the building, or parts of it, needed  
 to be preserved.

Within the week, the group  
 made its first appearance at a  
 City Council meeting with a con-  
 tingent of about 20 supporters,

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ELECTION 2006: EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

## Park district hopefuls eye funds to purchase, care for land

■ Bond measure worth  
 exploring, incumbents  
 and challengers agree

By Denis Cuff  
 STAFF WRITER

The East Bay Regional Park  
 District Board faces key decisions  
 about how to pay for the pur-  
 chase and care of park land that  
 provides a natural backdrop for  
 the region's rapid growth.

Members of the seven-member  
 park board say they expect  
 to decide within two years

whether to go to voters again for  
 a bond measure using property  
 taxes to add more land to the  
 97,000-acre park system.

Money from a 1988 park bond  
 measure is running out, and  
 there is public demand to set  
 aside more natural lands to hike,  
 bike, picnic and enjoy nature,  
 park officials say. Two incumb-  
 ents and their two challengers  
 in two board races in November  
 said they want to explore another  
 possible bond measure.

Incumbents Nancy Skinner  
 and Ayn Wieskamp said the dis-

trict needs to hear from city lead-  
 ers and the public about what  
 projects to fund.

"The real focus on the district  
 since its creation has been to pre-  
 serve open space," said Skinner  
 of Berkeley, a board member  
 who was appointed in March to  
 the late Jean Siri of El Cerrito. The  
 area includes Albany, El Cerrito,  
 El Sobrante, Kensington, Rich-  
 mond, San Pablo, and part of  
 Pinole, plus Berkeley and

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Ward 5



Skinner



Shalaby



Wieskamp



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## Albany

## High school teacher honored

More than a dozen teachers selected as their school district's 2006-2007 Teacher of the Year — including Ned Purdom of Albany High School — were honored Wednesday night at the 17th annual Alameda County Teacher of the Year awards ceremony.

Albany High School Principal Ron Rosenbaum, who nominated Purdom, said the teacher does "an outstanding job in the classroom."

Purdom is in his fifth year at the school. He is chairman of the English department and teaches journalism and honors junior English.

— Justin Hill

## School board candidates forum planned

An Albany Unified School District Board of Education candidates forum moderated by Albany High School students is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The Albany High School Parent Teacher Student Association is hosting the forum, which is scheduled to take place at the Little Theater at the high school, 603 Key Route Blvd.

— Justin Hill

## El Cerrito

## Historical Society to discuss preservation

The fall meeting of the El Cerrito Historical Society is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Open House Senior Center in El Cerrito.

The subject of the meeting is historic preservation. It is a follow-up to the pictures displayed and the short discussion held at the July meeting.

There are currently two historically significant sites in the area that are slated for redevelopment: the old Rodini house and property on Elm Street and the former Oishi and Sakai properties in Richmond.

After a general discussion on historic preservation, there will be a short film, much of which was filmed at the former Oishi and Sakai properties. The film depicts the "changing of the guard" in a Japanese nursery.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The senior center is located at 6500 Stockton Ave. Contact Tom Panas, historical society president, at 510-526-7507 with any questions.

— Justin Hill

## Central Perk reopens, serves food

A cafe and collectibles store at the corner of Central and San Pablo avenues is now open — and serving coffee and food.

The collectibles and antique section of Central Perk had been open, but about three months ago, the business closed because of construction on the food service area.

Last Friday, the construction was approved and the business received a permit to serve food.

The cafe, which also has thousands of pop culture collectibles from several decades as well as retro furniture, is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. It will be open until midnight when there are late movies at the Cerrito Theater on Friday and Saturday nights.

The cafe serves soup, salad, sandwiches, coffee, espresso and high-end tea.

A ribbon-cutting and grand opening is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday.

— Justin Hill

## Video files depict student assaults

El Cerrito police last Friday discovered 21 video files depicting students fighting or assaulting unsuspecting victims on a cell phone confiscated from a 13-year-old girl.

Earlier this month, San Pablo police took from a 14-year-old boy a phone that recorded an assault against a 60-year-old woman who happened to walk past a group of teens on Abella Circle. It was the first of three camera-enabled cellular phones that San Pablo officers confiscated from middle school-age children in October that contained violent home movies.

El Cerrito police initially identified seven victims and eight suspects from the phone they received last Friday from Portola Middle School officials. The videos generally depict girls and boys fighting or boys body-slammung unsuspecting victims, mostly smaller students.

— Karl Fischer

## Lobster sale benefits Soroptimist International

Soroptimist International of El Cerrito is holding a sale of live Maine lobsters. The crustaceans are available by presale only for \$18, or \$20 cooked.

Orders should be made by Nov. 8 to Jane Bartke at 510-235-1315 or Lu Tipping at 510-233-7731. The goods will be available for pickup from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 11 in the parking lot of the El Cerrito City Hall at Kearney Street and Manila Avenue.

Proceeds fund the chapter's community projects, including support for El Cerrito High School Grad Night, maintenance and display of the Sundar Shadi Christmas figures, scholarships, volunteer recognition and much more.

— Chris Treadway

## Youth baseball registration scheduled

El Cerrito Youth Baseball walk-in registration is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Harding Park clubhouse. All who attend will get Halloween treats.

In order to assure placement on a team for the 2007 season, registration packets must either be postmarked or received by Saturday.

— Justin Hill

## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## MONDAY, OCT. 16

■ **DRUNK IN PUBLIC** — At about 4:30 p.m., a resident on the 1200 block of Portland Avenue reported that while she and her children were walking on the Ohlone Greenway, between Portland and Solano avenues, they were bothered and hassled by a group of four men in their 30s. Officers checked the area, and arrested a 44-year-old transient man who appeared to be intoxicated for suspicion of disorderly conduct and probation violations.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 17

■ **HONDA RECOVERED, TWO IN CUSTODY** — At about 11:30 a.m., officers stopped a white 1989 Honda Civic near Solano and San Pablo avenues for a vehicle code violation. When a check found that the vehicle had been stolen from Mountain View, they arrested the driver, a 37-year-old Oakland woman, for suspicion of possession of stolen property and driving with a suspended driver's license. They also arrested the passenger, a 22-year-old Oakland man, for suspicion of possession of stolen property.

■ **ARMED ROBBERY** — At about 8:30 p.m., a couple walking on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue were robbed at gunpoint by two black juveniles wearing hooded sweatshirts. The couple reported that the two robbers got out of a black Buick Regal that had turned the corner south on Peralta from Marin Avenue and approached them. One of the suspects produced a long silver handgun and

demanding money and property from the victims. The two robbers did a pat search on each of the victims, then drove away with cash, credit cards and a passport. They were gone when officers arrived but the victims were able to give officers the license plate number. Berkeley police reported locating the passport the next day.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

■ **FORGED CHECKS** — Officers responded to the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore on reports of a couple who were purchasing a digital camera using fraudulent traveler's checks. Officers arrested a 24-year-old Fremont woman for two counts of suspicion of drug possession and a 19-year-old Hayward man for suspicion of burglary and possession of forged checks.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — At about 4 p.m., officers responded to the area near Solano and Masonic avenues on reports of someone yelling and possibly intoxicated. They arrested a 43-year-old Albany man for suspicion of drug possession.

■ **HONDA RECOVERED** — Officers located a silver Honda on the 600 block of Cleveland Avenue that had been reported as stolen from Berkeley. They did not have anyone in custody, and the owner was notified. The vehicle was towed.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 19

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 2 a.m., officers responded to the Club Mallard on the 700 block of

San Pablo Avenue on reports of a man trying to start fights with people outside the bar. They arrested the 29-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct.

■ **BURGLARY** — At about 10:45 p.m., officers responded to reports of security chasing a suspect who allegedly had robbed the Longs store in El Cerrito Plaza. They located the suspect on the 400 block of Stange Avenue and caught him after a foot chase. They arrested the 45-year-old San Pablo man on suspicion of burglary, petty theft and resisting arrest.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 20

■ **BIKES STOLEN** — At about 6:30 a.m., a resident on the 600 block of Cornell Avenue reported that his neighbor's garage door was open and that his neighbor normally kept it closed. Officers contacted the neighbor and discovered that four bicycles were missing from the garage.

■ **COMPUTERS STOLEN** — Someone stole computer equipment from a community room at a business on the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ **DRUG SALE** — At about 11:30 p.m., Berkeley officers assisted with contacting a suspicious blue 1987 BMW sedan that was parked near Gilman and Seventh streets. They arrested a 35-year-old Oakland man for suspicion of drug possession, possession of drugs for sale, weapon possession, possession of burglary tools, possession of a controlled substance and driving with out a valid driver's license.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 21

■ **GEO PRISM RECOVERED, TWO IN CUSTODY** — At about 1 a.m., officers investigated a red 1983 Geo Prism near Cleveland and Solano avenues for suspicious activity. When the car was found to be reported stolen from San Pablo they arrested the driver, a 38-year-old El Sobrante man, for suspicion of being in possession of a stolen car. They arrested the passenger, a 20-year-old Richmond man, for suspicion of possession of a stolen car, possession of burglary tools and identity theft.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 22

■ **MAZDA STOLEN** — During the night, someone stole a tan-colored 1996 Mazda that was parked on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a gray 2005 Honda Odyssey parked on the 700 block of Cornell Avenue during the night.

## MONDAY, OCT. 23

■ **SEVERAL SMASHED WINDOWS** — At about 12:30 a.m., a resident on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue reported that about 10 minutes earlier someone had smashed the rear window of his Toyota Highlander parked in the driveway. A neighbor reported seeing a large American-type car with a loud muffler driving the area. Several other vehicles in the area had smashed or broken windows.

— Kristine G.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## TUESDAY, OCT. 17

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A car stereo, iPod and other items were stolen from a vehicle on the 3200 block of Santa Clara Avenue.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 19

■ **ATTEMPTED ROBBERY** — A man tried to rob Stereo Hi-Fi at 11264 San Pablo Ave. about 2:53 p.m. when he entered the business, confronted the owner with a gun and demanded money. The suspect approached the rear of the business with two others, whom the owner locked out. The man with the gun fled out the front of the business without taking anything, while the two juveniles, who had approached the business with the man, were taken into custody, according to police. The man remained at large, and the investigation continued.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 20

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A stereo,

computer and backpack were stolen from a vehicle that had a window broken on the 2300 block of Carquinez Avenue between about 12:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

■ **ROBBERY** — A man who was withdrawing cash from an ATM at the Bank of America at 10422 San Pablo Ave. was robbed at about 10:30 a.m. when he was approached by two men as he was returning to his vehicle. The men, described as black, 20 to 25 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall and 175 pounds and wearing dark-hooded sweatshirts, demanded his cash after threatening to kill him.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 21

■ **STOLEN VEHICLE** — A 1991 Honda Accord was stolen from the 2200 block of Mono Avenue between about 9 p.m. and about 11 a.m. the following day.

■ **ARMED ROBBERY** — Two men wearing ski masks robbed at gun-

point the Carrows restaurant at 6120 Potrero Ave. about 9:10 p.m. The men were described as black and between 22 and 25 years old.

## MONDAY, OCT. 23

■ **STOLEN VEHICLE** — A 1988 Toyota Camry was stolen from Moeser Lane near Liberty Street between about 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 24

■ **ATTEMPTED ROBBERY** — A 10-year-old boy allegedly tried to rob another boy at the swim center locker room. An 11-year-old boy was using the restroom there when someone began kicking on the door to the stall. When the boy opened it, he was confronted by a 10-year-old boy demanding his wallet, according to police. The 10-year-old left when he learned the 11-year-old did not have one, according to police. The 10-year-old was detained by officers near the Safeway at 10636 San Pablo

Ave. and identified by the 11-year-old according to police. He was taken to Juvenile Hall in Martinez.

■ **ATTEMPTED ROBBERIES** — A man walking from the Del Norte BART station was confronted by year-old boy who allegedly blocked his way and then demanded the man's wallet at 5:35 p.m. on the Ohlone Greenway to the rear of 11720 San Pablo Ave. The man reported the demand, turned and walked back to the BART station report the incident. The 16-year-old was accompanied by another boy who did not directly participate in the robbery, according to police. Minutes later, on Knott Avenue near San Pablo Avenue, the same pair allegedly grabbed a woman's purse and fled on foot under the name Cutting Boulevard. An officer took them a few blocks away from the victim's purse, according to police. The teens were taken to Juvenile Hall in Martinez.

## ALBANY/EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

## Albany High School

**HOMECOMING DANCE:** Parents are needed to chaperone at the homecoming dance Saturday night. This is your chance to contribute to the school and your kids at the same time by making sure that the dance is kept fun and safe for students. Parents are needed for both shifts, 7:45 to 9:30 and 9:15 to 11. Contact Sabine Geiger at Sabine@pobox.com.

**YEARBOOK BABY ADS:** Baby ads for the yearbook are due at the end of October. Please submit photos and payment to Albany High School, Attention: Yearbook, as soon as possible. E-mail teacherella@gmail.com with any questions. Online yearbook ordering is now available. Go to www.jostens.com and click on the "Select Your School" link under School Yearbooks. You then enter state, city and school and get to the school page where you can click on 2007 Yearbook.

**PTSA MEETING:** PTSA will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the library. Come meet potential school board members and share your questions and concerns. Students welcome.

## Albany Middle School

**SCHOOL DANCE:** The first school

dance of the year is tonight from 7-9 p.m., and is for seventh- and eighth-graders only. Dance tickets are \$4. Parent chaperones are needed. To help, contact Margot Graves at grabano@iml.net or 510-524-7131.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** To offer help with decorations, baking, music room, face painting, crafts and games for the sixth grade Halloween party, contact Pam Reed at weprince@aol.com or 510-526-4051. To help with haunted house activities, contact Jonathan Slack at jslack@lbi.gov or 510-486-4148. The party is on Tuesday from 1:30 to 3, with setup beginning at 12:30 (11:30 for the haunted house) and cleanup lasting until 4.

## Cornell Elementary

**PTA FUNDRAISER:** The PTA is providing an opportunity for families to participate in an art-based fundraiser that allows you to have your child's own artwork reproduced onto greeting cards and a number of other professional, full-color products at great prices. Complete details are in your child's art packet, including art instructions and ordering information. For more information and/or art ideas, see www.originalworks.com or contact Alisa Crovetti at 510-558-8208 or aliscroveti@originalworks.com.

abc@berkeley.edu.

**TRANSLATOR NEEDED:** The green committee needs a translator for the new fire, Sprout, describing what's new in the Cornell garden. Korean translation is a primary need, but translation skills in any language are welcome. Contact garden.devara\_anner@yahoo.com or 510-527-6654.

## Marin Elementary

**INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK:** The PTA's International Potluck is this evening in the Cornell School multipurpose room.

**COMMUNITY SING:** The October community sing is Tuesday in the Little Yard at 8:30 a.m.

## Ocean View Elementary

**HALLOWEEN PARADE:** Families are welcome to come and watch the Halloween parade starting around 1 p.m. in front of the school, heading into UC Village and back, and lasting approximately 20 minutes, on Tuesday. Costumes should not be worn to school but should be brought in a labeled bag. Students will change during lunchtime recess.

## Harding Elementary

**RECYCLING CONTEST:** The Harding classroom that collects the most ink cartridges, used cell phones and PDA's gets a pizza party.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE:** The Harding Halloween parade will be Tuesday from 1:35 a.m.-12 p.m. Parents are invited to celebrate Halloween with the El Cerrito High School Marching Band.

**KINDERGARTEN TOUR:** The first kindergarten tour is Friday, Nov. 3. The tour begins in the school bus at 9 a.m. with a presentation by parents and the principal with complimentary coffee and pastries. Please RSVP to the school office: 231-1444.

## Madera Elementary

**OLYMPICS:** The Madera Olympics will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. today at lower playground.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** The Madera Halloween party is Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. The El Cerrito High School marching band will perform. The parade will be followed by classroom parties.

E-mail school notes to journal@cetimes.com.

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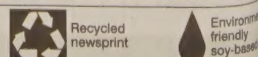
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# Muckraker queen always loved a joke

HOW AM I supposed to sum up Jessica Mitford in only 600 words? Peter Dinklage, who edited "Decca," a just-released compilation of some of the best of her letters, has had to press to do it in 10 pages.

Mitford, who died 10 years ago, wore many hats. Some of them as the crusading journalist — Time magazine called her "Queen of the Muckrakers" — who exposed the sinister side of the funeral industry in her now-classic "The American Way of Death."

Old-timers remember her as the eternally entranced and outraged British society in the 1940s leading up to World War

Nancy, the eldest, became a famous novelist and essayist. Deborah, the youngest, became a mistress of Devonshire.

Two other sisters — Diana and Unity — became Nazis. Diana married Sir Oswald Mosley, head of the British fascist party, at Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels' Berlin home. (Hitler attended the wedding reception.) Unity became a Hitler groupie and a notorious Jew-hater.

Jessica — or Decca, as everyone called her — went the other way. She eloped with Winston Churchill's bad-boy nephew, Esmond.

She joined the anti-fascist side in the Spanish civil war. (Foreign Minister Anthony Eden dispatched a battleship to bring her back, cabling the prime minister, "Find Jessica Mitford and persuade her to return.")

After Romilly was killed in a bombing raid over Germany in World War II, she married a lawyer named Bob Kaufman, joined the Communist Party, and moved to Oakland, where she and Treuhaft met to work organizing the black community.

Many years later, Huey P. Newton told her she and Treuhaft were his heroes when he was a little kid.)

Her parents disowned her, the Communists weren't thrilled with her, either. She was constantly being rebuffed before the Party's disciplinary committee for making too many jokes.

That was Mitford's trademark — her mischievous sense of humor. Once, when she was asked a distinguished professor at San Jose State, she said at having to sign a loyalty oath promising to "support and defend the Constitutions of the United States and Califor-



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

"The Constitution of California runs to three hefty volumes and covers all manner of subjects," she wrote. "Do I support and defend, for example, Article 4 Section 25, limiting boxing and wrestling matches to 15 rounds? I don't know. Perhaps it should be 14 or 16 rounds?"

Typically, when she and Treuhaft quit the Party in the 1950s, it wasn't because of some high-falutin' principle; it was because the Communists were, in her words, "boring."

The day after she died in July 1996, the phone at her house was ringing off the hook with calls from undertakers who were dying — if you'll excuse the expression — to do the funeral.

It was her last little joke on them. A few months earlier she gave a tongue-in-cheek interview to the New York Times, saying that she wanted the most elaborate funeral possible, with "six black horses with plumes and one of those marvelous jobs of embalming that take 20 years off!"

Never noted for his sense of humor, the Times printed the whole thing straight — in her obituary, yet! And the funeral industry fell for it hook, line and sinker.

In truth, she was cremated in the simplest possible way for the rock-bottom price of \$470. And she arranged before her death to have the bill sent to the head of the country's largest funeral conglomerate.

There will be a public reading of some of her letters at 7 p.m. Sunday at King Middle School in Berkeley, featuring a who's who of the local literary and political scene. It's a benefit for KPFA, the radical radio station.

Even if you can't make it, check out the book. It reads like a novel, and it's gossip of the highest order. (Don't miss the hilarious anecdote on page 476 about the time Maya Angelou hauled off and slapped a member of the British Parliament at a cocktail party for slapping her on the behind.)

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.



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# Neighbors

## Trip provides chance to explore and read

"Paperback book prices: Thin books 25¢. Thick books 50¢."

— Thrift store sign in Franklin, N.C.



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

I RECENTLY SPENT some time in North Carolina and Georgia, partly to visit my granddaughter and partly to travel the roads of these beautiful states. As usual, I stopped at local libraries — I like to see how the collections are arranged, what programs they offer, and what books are highlighted.

It was particularly interesting to visit the library in Chapel Hill, N.C., because there were no DVDs or videos on its shelves. When I asked about this, I was told that there wasn't space for them, although with a new addition coming up, the issue may be re-examined. This was in great contrast to the library in Franklin. There, rows and rows of videos and DVDs occupied a substantial section near the circulation desk.

As I thought about this, I realized I have become accustomed to providing all sorts of audio-visual materials for our library users. They are ex-

remely popular, and in the library world, it is good to provide the materials the community wants. Yet, I can't help thinking about that library in Chapel Hill, where there was one of the biggest collections of picture books I have ever seen. There was also a neat little alcove, just for children who wanted easy readers. It is a library about books, and perhaps it is the old-fashioned part of me that is happy it exists.

While in Charlotte, I visited the Charlotte Museum of History. The brochure I picked up there quotes "Creative Loafing" (an Atlanta weekly newspaper), which calls the museum "the most entertaining one-stop, two-hour history lesson in the Piedmont." It was not only entertaining but beautifully laid out and welcoming. I particularly loved the displays of basic

tools and implements, such as spinning wheels, seed planters, hand-cranked coffee grinders, wool carders, and a hand-sewn cloth doll. There was even something called a "velocipede," from 1900 — it preceded the tricycle.

It was the simplicity of these items that attracted me. They are so uncomplicated and so well made that one can immediately understand how they were created. I like the idea that when a tool was needed, it was invented, not purchased.

Even the weapons — the swords and the 1855 double-barreled shotgun from the Confederate cavalry — were charming and straightforward. Interestingly, I had a chance to learn more about rifles when I went to the North Carolina state fair. At the exhibit called "Village of Yesteryear," I talked to Robert Hill, a man who makes long rifles.

These amazingly fine-looking handmade wooden rifles fire only one bullet at a time. Robert showed me how the gun works: Gunpowder, followed by the bullet, using a ramrod, then a small amount of gunpowder, goes into the pan near the trigger. As he talked,

he used several familiar expressions, which have become part of our daily speech. "Lock, stock and barrel," "flash in the pan" (when the gunpowder in the pan ignites), and "half-cocked" — when the gun shouldn't go off. I even got to hold one of the rifles — it took all my strength to hold it steady.

The other part of traveling that I like is the chance to read. I took several paperback mysteries with me, but I found that as I relaxed, I was more attracted to the hardback novel I had stuck in my suitcase at the last moment.

This was another book recommended to me, and I loved it, also. Melissa Bank's "The Wonder Spot," which is written in the first person, filled my head with a voice that was funny and personal, and it was the perfect accompaniment as I drove along winding mountain roads, flanked by the glorious trees of autumn.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@ac-library.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com.

## Friends

FROM PAGE 1

Dair said in an e-mail to The Journal.

"Within a month we had hundreds and hundreds of Friends and our numbers grew exponentially," Dair said. "I have never seen any community activist effort get off the ground quicker."

The organization now totals more than 2,100 members. The vast majority live in El Cerrito, but other members are residents of the surrounding area.

The group has received financial support from 395 donors and more than three dozen in-kind donors.

Members joined for a range of reasons, said Ann Lehman, co-chair of the organization's steering committee, from the preservation of the building to its economic benefits.

But, on a deeper level, it offered residents an opportunity to come together in a positive way and feel good about themselves, their family and the city they live in, Lehman said.

Weinstein said he is not sur-

prised that the organization he helped establish has grown. Similar things have happened in other cities, he said.

"It shows you that people are really willing to coalesce around something they care about," Weinstein said.

The group launched an e-mail and letter campaign to city officials and council members, pleading to find a way to save the theater.

In May of 2002, the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency and the Friends co-hosted an open house at the theater. Dair figured 800 to 1,000 would come, but now estimates that 3,000 showed up.

"I credit this event for really clinching the deal," she said, adding that with the attendance "there could be no doubt that this theater was what the community really needed."

Friends were also coming in droves to Redevelopment Agency meetings. El Cerrito Redevelopment Manager Lori Trevino estimated the group's attendance at the meetings averaged 100, maybe more. As the city moved

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## O'Keefe

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According to the suit, CAN's expenditure for one of the fliers was not properly disclosed as an in-kind contribution or independent expenditure on its campaign finance statement for the period ending Sept. 30, violating city and state law. David Madison, one of the suit's plaintiffs, declined to say how much it cost to retain the attorney who prepared the suit or how it's being paid for. John Cunningham is the other plaintiff.

"There was a violation of the law," Madison said. "The city attorney is not enforcing the law, and the only recourse we had to was take legal action to stop the violation of the law."

The letter, signed by resident

Peter Maass, also claims campaign finance violations.

It says Papalia and CAN violated the part of the city's campaign finance law that makes it unlawful for a candidate or committee supporting or opposing a candidate to solicit or accept from other individuals a contribution that causes the total to exceed \$100 for a single election.

The letter also claims that CAN is a controlled committee for O'Keefe and Papalia.

The candidates' campaigns failed to report expenditures made by their controlled committees because CAN's expenditures must be reported on the campaign committees' financial statements, the letter says.

Reach Justin Hill at 510-243-3578 or jhill@cctimes.com.



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

## Fundraiser is spooktacular

SAMUEL TAYLOR, 6, inspects pumpkins for imperfections before buying a medium-sized one for \$3 at Fairmount Elementary's Pumpkin Patch fundraiser Oct. 19.

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— Thomas Jefferson

## GUEST COMMENTARIES

## Candidates distort truth about racetrack

By Peter Tunney

RECENTLY, the campaign for two Albany City Council candidates, Joanne Wile and Marge Atkinson, distributed fliers to Albany voters that are so tainted with misleading and untrue statements about Golden Gate Fields and outright falsehoods that I feel compelled to respond.

As general manager of Golden Gate Fields for more than 25 years, neither I nor Golden Gate Fields has ever been involved in Albany City Council elections, but since Joanne Wile and Marge Atkinson, and their campaigns, have distributed false information, I feel obliged to provide true and accurate information to the Albany community.

Here are the facts about Golden Gate Fields and the Albany waterfront:

1. Golden Gate Fields is not proposing a casino in Albany. Magna Entertainment Corp., the owner of Golden Gate Fields, is not planning a casino at our racetrack. No proposal exists that even mentions the possibility of a casino. Even if the citizens of Albany asked us to build one — we couldn't. State law and Albany city ordinances prohibit it.

2. Golden Gate Fields is NOT closing. The truth is much of wagering on horse races is now done on the Internet, which reduces the number of patrons who come to the track. We are staying in Albany and have spent more than \$5 million in the past several years to upgrade and renovate the grandstands, along with building a new state-of-the-art equine medical facility for the 1,350 horses on our grounds.

3. Golden Gate Fields is the city of Albany's largest employer and its largest source of revenue. Each year the track contributes over \$1 million to the city's budget, and over a half million dollars to the school district. When these candidates say the city can easily replace the revenue generated by the track — don't believe them. The only way that

revenue would be replaced is out of the taxpayers' pockets or to severely cut back programs. To make up for this lost revenue, each Albany household would need to be taxed an additional \$300 every year.

4. Neither the California State Parks Department nor the East Bay Regional Park District can afford to even convert our land into a waterfront park. Both agencies have stated they cannot afford to buy, restore, enhance, or maintain any additional property in the East-shore State Park.

In fact, Golden Gate Fields has been working for several years with the San Francisco Bay Trail Project to complete the Bay Trail connection through Albany. Our most recent proposal included the completion of a permanent Bay Trail connection and dedicated open space along the water's edge at no cost to the city or the San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

5. A planning process about Golden Gate Fields that does not include the landowner — is NOT an open planning process. The Atkinson/Wile team is trying to sell the idea of a citizen-driven "open planning process" for Albany's waterfront. How "open" could it be when their process does not include the landowner? That's like having your neighbors deciding what they want to do with your house without you being able to participate.

6. For more than 65 years, Golden Gate Fields has been a steady and consistent source of income for this city. We directly provide more than 300 jobs in our community and contribute a further \$80,000 per year in charitable donations. Golden Gate Fields has been and continues to be a great asset for the city. I encourage you to investigate and scrutinize everything you hear and receive regarding Golden Gate Fields, the Albany Waterfront, and every City Council candidate. Thank you for your time in considering these facts.

Peter Tunney is the general manager of Golden Gate Fields.

## Racetrack lying about proposed casino plans

By David Rudiak

IN A MASS mailing to Albany residents Oct. 12, Golden Gate Fields General Manager Peter Tunney accused City Council candidates Joanne Wile and Marge Atkinson of "misleading and untrue statements" if not "outright falsehoods." Primarily, Tunney claimed that Golden Gate Fields and its owner, Magna Entertainment Corp., have no plans for a casino at the racetrack.

But who is really lying here? There is abundant public record that Magna has every intention of creating a big casino in Albany.

Magna literally invented the term "racinos" (stockholders' report) to describe the racetrack/casino operations it hopes will make Magna profitable again after hemorrhaging millions from its racing operations. Why would Golden Gate Fields be excluded from this equation?

Tunney also disingenuously states that "even if the citizens of Albany asked us to build one — we couldn't. State law and Albany city ordinances prohibit it."

However, Magna has already demonstrated it will use its big corporation clout to change the law. In just the past month, Magna has pushed through slot machine gambling at its Florida and Pennsylvania racetracks, as it brags about on its Web site. In addition, it is currently pushing a referendum in Ohio this November legalizing slot machines at the state's seven horse racetracks.

Here in California, Magna has also been working hard to change state law. To underscore its determination, the Los Angeles Business Journal (Oct. 4, 2004) reported a Magna spokesman saying, "We'll be back again and again until we

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succeed in getting what we deserve."

In 2004, it spent \$2 million backing Prop. 68, which would have legalized casino racetrack gambling in California and also bypassed local planning and zoning requirements. Up to 3,800 "gaming devices" would have been allowed at Golden Gate Fields. Prop. 68 got only 16 percent of the statewide vote and 12 percent in Albany. Obviously it is not the citizens of Albany begging on their knees who desire a big casino operation at Golden Gate Fields.

More recently, in 2006, Magna backed a racetrack gambling bill introduced in the California Legislature (AB2409), which would have allowed 1,800 video gaming machines at Golden Gate Fields.

Despite all this, Tunney has the audacity to claim that Magna and Golden Gate Fields are "not planning a casino at our racetrack" and "no proposal exists that even mentions the possibility of a casino."

Tunney also tries to paint Golden Gate Fields as a good neighbor, being Albany's largest single source of revenue. But good neighbors do not flagrantly lie about their real intentions or try to end rounds around local regulation. Tunney also claims that Golden Gate Fields (i.e. Magna Corp.) is not trying to influence the City Council election. No, crying crocodile tears, he claims he is only trying to set the record straight. I guess Magna's hired gun political consultants (probably the real authors of this incredibly two-faced mailer) think we are a bunch of idiots.

David Rudiak is an Albany resident.

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## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

I came to the party as a TV the day before the election.



That is scary.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Their record is clear: Voting for all three candidates to the school board puts Albany in the best of hands.

Nadine Ghammache

Albany

Ghammache is an Albany school board member.

## Abelson doesn't deserve third term

At the 2004 Republican National Convention, Janet Abelson enthusiastically supported the nomination of President George W. Bush for a second term. On this basis alone, Abelson herself might win an unprecedented third term on the El Cerrito City Council. But, maybe not.

A critical element of office is the cultivation of new people and fresh ideas. Sadly, using the power of incumbent position, Abelson has tried to suppress emerging candidates and limit the two-seat race to the two incumbents: herself, of course, being one of them. Thankfully, some hopefuls are not that easily intimidated, and, with four candidates now running, El Cerrito voters remain free to consider someone other than Abelson, which they should do.

New people with novel approaches are necessary to meet El Cerrito's emerging needs, and Abelson's highly questionable performance simply does not warrant departure from El Cerrito's long tradition of stepping down after two terms. Of course, if one is happy with the same old lackluster response to growing problems — rising crime, increased traffic, deteriorating streets, financial waste, escalating costs, higher taxes, etc. — then one should vote for the same old headless nails (i.e., once driven in, impossible to get out.) We get what we elect.

Larry Damon

El Cerrito

Damon is a former El Cerrito mayor.

## Visions of Albany waterfront

Sierra Club representative and El Cerrito resident Norman La Force recently wrote that "the Sierra Club's vision for the Albany shoreline reflects its goals for Albany."

What's the vision for the Albany waterfront shared by the Sierra Club, Citizens for East Shore Parks (CESP) and Albany City Council candidates Joanne Wile and Marge Atkinson, who have been

endorsed by the Sierra Club and whose campaign Web site links to CESP?

One answer is in a recent CESP flier, distributed in Albany, which states they're opposed to shops and restaurants on Albany's waterfront because, "Regionally, it will damage neighboring business districts, taking from them to survive."

In other words, Albany should not have businesses that draw sales tax dollars away from the El Cerrito Plaza, Berkeley's Fourth Street and Emeryville's Bay Street.

La Force's adherents have stated that, instead, Albany should build a hotel and conference center at the waterfront.

At a League of Women Voters forum, Wile said the hotel should be modeled after a 10-story Hilton in Vancouver, Wash. That hotel has 23 meeting rooms, which can hold as many as 1,200 people in one room. Do we want a massive chain hotel on the waterfront?

At the waterfront, we should, with Golden Gate Fields' cooperation, build on the track's vacant parking lot a large shoreline park and behind the park a low-rise development with views to the water, shops, restaurants and open-air entertainment: a place that enhances its natural setting, provides support for Albany schools, libraries, police, and other important services, and is enjoyed by a cross-section of Albany residents.

Then we would have the funding to do what the Sierra Club and CSEP have failed to do: clean up the public land Albany owns at the waterfront and donate it to the East Bay Regional Park District.

Stephanie Travis  
Albany

## 'Yes' on Measure C

Recent articles and letters have stated and questioned the financial state of the city of Albany.

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Albany residents are urged to cast a vote in favor of Measure C, a parcel tax which will expand this project to include an Emergency Operations Center, along with investments in improved energy efficiency, solar energy production, and other details aimed toward sustainability.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recently recommended this project include investment in attractive, durable roofing and also landscape features which will improve the overall aesthetics of the complex.

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David Arkin  
Albany





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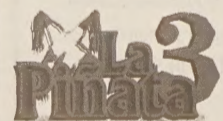
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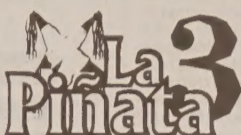
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**Beef, chicken, vegetarian or chile verde pork** \$4.75  
**Carnitas** \$5.75  
**Prawn** (on a wheat tortilla. Served with whole beans, bell pepper, onions, and tomatoes.) \$9.55

**Super Burrito**  
Topped with sour cream and guacamole.  
**Beef, chicken, vegetarian or chile verde pork** \$7.95  
**Carnitas** \$9.25  
**Prawn** (on a wheat tortilla. Served with whole beans, bell pepper, onions and tomatoes.) \$12.75

**Famoso Burrito**  
Topped with enchilada sauce and cheese. Stuffed with rice, your choice of beans, and cheese. Garnish with lettuce, tomato sauce and Cotija cheese.  
**Beef, chicken, vegetarian or chile verde pork** \$7.85  
**Carnitas** \$8.15

**Super Famoso**  
Topped with enchilada sauce, cheese, sour cream, guacamole. Stuffed with rice, your choice of beans, and cheese. Garnish with lettuce, tomato sauce and Cotija cheese.  
**Beef, chicken, vegetarian or chile verde pork** \$9.05  
**Carnitas** \$9.95

**All vegetarian items are prepared with cheese, garlic zucchini, mushrooms, corn, chile pasilla and pico de gallo**

**HAMBURGERS Served with Fries**  
**Pinata Burger** (served with cheddar and jack cheese, bacon, mushrooms, jalapeño, grilled onions, tomatoes, lettuce and mayonnaise) \$8.85

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**Sopa de vegetales** ~ side bowl \$3.65 small \$4.95  
**Sopa Tapatia** ~ tortilla soup side bowl \$4.95 large \$8.45

**Pollo** ~ chicken side bowl \$4.85 small \$6.65 large \$7.95

**Tlalpeno** ~ chipotle chicken soup side bowl \$4.95 small \$6.95 large \$8.65

**Menudo** ~ tripe soup side bowl \$4.85 small \$7.65 large \$8.65

**Albondigas** ~ meat ball soup side \$4.95 large \$8.25

**7 Mares** ~ 7 seafood soup \$15.55

(calamari, crab legs, prawns, octopus, clams, mussels and cat fish)

**Camaron** ~ prawn \$13.85

**Pescado y Camaron** ~ cat fish and prawns \$14.65

**Pescado** ~ cat fish \$13.65

### COMBINATIONS

**#1** ~ one enchilada and two tacos \$10.95

**#2** ~ two enchiladas and one taco \$10.95

**#3** ~ two tamales and one taco \$10.95

**#4** ~ two Chile Rellenos and one taco \$11.35

**#5** ~ one enchilada, one Chile Relleno and one taco \$10.95

**#6** ~ one tamale, one enchilada and one taco \$10.95

**#7** ~ one enchilada and one taco \$9.95

**#8** ~ one Chile Relleno and one taco \$9.75

**#9** ~ two small Flautas and one burrito \$10.35

**#10** ~ one burrito and one tostada \$10.35

**#11** ~ one enchilada and one burrito \$10.35

**#12** ~ one enchilada and one tamale \$9.95

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**Filete Empanizado** ~ Breaded white fish filet served with cactus salad, rice, beans, salad and tortillas upon request. \$12.95

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**Enchiladas de Jaiva** ~ Dungeness crab enchiladas. One green and one red enchilada served with rice, beans, salad. \$12.45

**Enchiladas de Camaron** ~ Shrimp enchiladas. One green and one red enchilada served with rice, beans, salad. \$12.95

**Jaiva al ajo o a la diablo** ~ Alaskan King Crab legs in garlic or spicy hot sauce, served with rice, beans and a salad. \$24.25

**Tacos de Pescado** ~ Grilled fish tacos served with a salad, whole beans and rice. \$12.95

**Beer Battered Fish Tacos** ~ Beer battered fish filet served on a smothered chipotle tartar sauce tortilla topped with cabbage and pico de gallo. Served with whole beans, and rice. \$12.95

**Joyce Special** ~ Grilled fish filet and prawns served with cucumber and garlic sauce. \$11.45

### FAJITAS

Fajitas marinated with olive oil, 100% Agave Tequila. Grilled with onions, tomatoes and bell peppers. Topped with cilantro. Served with rice, your choice of refried, whole or black beans. Sour cream, guacamole, pico de gallo, carrots. Tortillas upon request.

#### Vegetarian

Mushrooms, bell pepper, onions, tomatoes, zucchini, carrots and cheese \$11.95

#### Combination

Chicken, steak and prawns \$15.55

Steak or Chicken \$14.25

Carnitas \$14.25

Prawns \$15.35

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**Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant**  
**MOVED TO NEW LOCATION**  
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## CANDIDATE PROFILES

## NANCYSKINNER

Age: 52

**Education:** B.S., conservation and resources, UC Berkeley, 1977; M.S., education, UC Berkeley, 1989

**Background:** Appointed to East Bay Regional Park Board in March. Works as U.S. director for The Climate Group.

**Positions:** Supports concept of bond measure to buy land; favors completion of East Bay Shoreline park; supports grazing in parks.

## E.J. SHALABY

Age: 45

**Education:** B.S., business management, University of Phoenix, 2001

**Background:** District manager for West Contra Costa Sanitary District.

**Positions:** Favors buying more park land but wants district to explore other financial options before going to voters with bond measure; supports grazing in parks.

## AYN WIESKAMP

Age: 68

**Education:** B.S., secondary education, University of Houston, 1959.

**Background:** East Bay Regional Park Board member since 1999 in Ward 5; Livermore city council, 1980 to 1999.

**Positions:** Favors bond measure to buy land; supports opening of Vargas Plateau Park and a trail in or along Niles Canyon.

## FRANK PIRRONE

Age: 60

**Education:** B.S., pharmacy, Idaho State University, 1971.

**Background:** Pharmacist. Appointed to Ohlone College District bond spending oversight committee. Hikes and camps extensively.

**Positions:** Favors bond measure to buy parkland; supports increased trail maintenance and grazing, but with more environmental protections.

## Parks

FROM PAGE 1

Emeryville. Running against her in the November election is E.J. Shalaby of Richmond.

Shalaby said he wants the district to form partnerships with cities that can be an alternative to a bond measure.

But if no suitable option is found, he said he would back a bond measure. In the other park board race, Weiskamp of Livermore is running against challenger Frank Pirrone of Fremont in Ward 5. The area includes Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Newark and part of Fremont.

Pirrone, an avid hiker, said he supports the park district practice of buying land even if it will be years before there is money to open it for public use.

Weiskamp said a ballot measure could allocate a slice of the bond money toward city or local recreation district projects.

## Friends

FROM PAGE 3

forward, she said, the Friends would continually show up to meetings en masse.

The numbers helped the Redevelopment Agency continue moving, Lehman said.

The Redevelopment Agency had to vote for the project more than once and authorize additional money for the project.

"They wouldn't have moved off a dime if they hadn't seen the public support," Dair said in a phone interview.

As far as the board members were concerned, the project was dead, she said. Not only did the Friends resurrect the project, they carried it way beyond what anybody's expectation was, she said.

Without the Friends' enthusiasm, it would have been a long, drawn-out project, and possibly would have lost momentum, said Keimach, the former El Cerrito community development director. The Friends kept it going, she said.

Besides, Lehman said, preserving the theater was not a top priority for city officials at the time, but the Friends made it one. The Redevelopment Agency purchased the building and partnered with Speakeasy Theaters

## CERRITO THEATER

On Wednesday, the two-screen Cerrito Theater will return to the movie business. The ticket booth will open at 5 p.m. The opening films, "Casablanca" and "Pulp Fiction", will begin at 6 p.m. The theater is restricted to patrons 21 years old and older for all shows except for Saturday matinees and Family Night every Sunday. For up-to-the-minute movie information, call 510-814-2400.

to operate the theater, though the project had some opposition. According to Keimach, now community development director for Fremont, the city wouldn't have known the theater was a historic building if not for the Friends.

The city was anticipating an application for tenant improvements to the interior of the building. Two potential tenants — an indoor soccer field and a mattress retailer — were looking at the space.

If the city had not been influenced by the Friends, it could have easily issued the permit, and the murals easily could have been painted over, Keimach said.

But it never got to that point. "That's why their involvement was critical," Keimach said.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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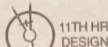
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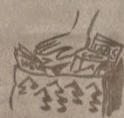
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## Albany Peace Officers Association

## Albany City Council

## Candidate Endorsements

## GENERAL ELECTION • NOVEMBER 7, 2006

## Dear Albany Voter,

On behalf of your members of the Albany Peace Officer's Association, we are pleased to present you with the names of two City Council candidates who have received endorsements from our membership. For the reasons stated below, we would like to encourage you to cast your vote for Caryl O'Keefe and Francesco Papalia in the upcoming City Council election.

On September 9th, 2006, the four council candidates were invited to participate in an assessment interview conducted by a specially selected panel of the Albany Peace Officer's Association (A.P.O.A.) members. Candidates were questioned regarding employment experience, city governance, leadership, municipal employee relations, local issued community service experience, community visioning and fiscal management.

Caryl O'Keefe has resided in Albany for 22 years. She is a retired economist from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. She has served on the Albany Library board, Friends of the Albany Library, Albany Waterfront Coalition and Friends of Five Creeks. She is committed to working with the Council on issues affecting us all as we endeavor to improve the quality of our lives here in Albany.

Francesco Papalia is a local realtor and is well aware of the taxes our community is paying and accountability and results should follow. He believes that outside influences do not have to pay for the plans they influence, Albany residents do. He believes in Albany first, and that outside constituents which are using money to gain power and influence in creating and influencing our local issues, ultimately not held accountable for their results. He believes that our residents alone should decide the future of Albany.

The members of the Albany Peace Officer's Association have, and will continue to support our community towards making our town a safer, more productive and healthier environment to live in, raise a family, educate your children and provide the quality of life we all deserve. We believe the future of Albany is best served by those who present the best potential for success and that Caryl O'Keefe and Francesco Papalia are excellent examples of candidates who possess the type of leadership potential needed for a brighter future for Albany.

Please consider these two fine City Council candidates when you cast your vote this November.

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**STAIN CACHET:** Renowned architect Willis Polk designed this Mediterranean-style home for real estate mogul Duncan McDuffie in Berkeley. The San Francisco Social Register — a barometer of wealth and prestige — listed "Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDuffie" and their 22 Roble Road address.

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BY DENNIS EVANOSKY  
SECTION EDITOR

home at 22 Roble Road in  
Berkeley boasts a famous heritage.  
The house was designed by noted  
architect Willis Polk and built by  
real estate developer Duncan Mc-

Frederick Dawson of the landscape-  
design firm, the Olmsted Brothers  
surround the home.

Their father — Frederick Law  
Olmsted, founder of the firm — was  
famous for the design of New York's  
Central Park that he successfully  
executed with his partner Calvert  
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known for his design of Oakland's  
Mountain View Cemetery.

The red-tiled roof and white  
stucco, the archways and curves, the  
carved wood and tiled floors tell of  
Polk's Mediterranean influence and  
of his Spanish and Italian touches.

The design's inherent romantic  
whimsy delight the visitor. Hand-

carved woodland creatures grace  
the front entry portico and are inset  
into the interior walls.

A carved wooden ceiling over 15  
feet high and splendid bookcases  
with hand-carved wooden panel  
doors grace the 45-foot long great  
hall. The hall's bookcases are inset  
next to arched 12-foot high French  
doors that lead to the lawn and bal-  
conies. The entry hall reminds the  
visitor of Bernard Maybeck and Ju-  
lia Morgan, Polk's fellow Ecole des  
Beaux Arts graduates.

The home's wooden paneled li-  
brary overlooks rustic stone walls

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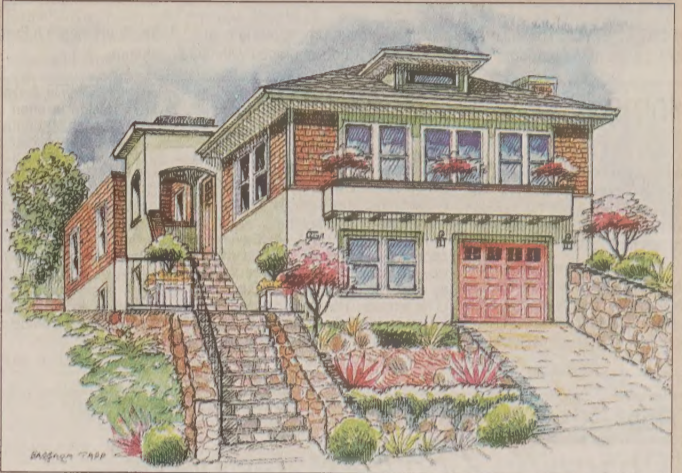
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### Real Estate Spotlight

## Berkeley home has new life



**ARCHITECT BABAC DOANE** designed the renovations and re-built the home at 2141 Eunice St. in Berkeley from the foundation to the roof, expanding the square footage and putting in a new state-of-the-art foundation. The design takes advantage of the natural light with numerous skylights giving wonderful indoor light. The four-bedroom, three-bath home has bay and City views from the living room and the front, downstairs bedroom. The contemporary-style features lush, designer finishes such as Brazilian cherry hardwood floors and baths finished with Jerusalem limestone and travertine. The cook's kitchen with its seagrass limestone island and counters opens to a family or relaxation area which, in turn, opens to the deck and to the back yard. French doors lead from the master bedroom to the ironstone hardwood deck and to the landscaped back yard, where natural stone was used for the walkways and retaining walls. The home is near Live Oak Park and North Berkeley gourmet restaurants and shops and was home to some of Berkeley's earliest houses.

**Price:** \$1,750,000

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**IN GREAT STYLE:** The Willis Polk-designed great room, above left, at 22 Roble Court recalls a European castle. The dining room, above right, opens to the outdoors through oversized windows graced with Greek columns.



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## Home

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and a delightful pool once filled with fish and water lilies. The corner fireplace is surrounded by paneled bookshelves, a curved brick hearth and secret niches.

Polk's 1924 home had its roots earlier in the century when Duncan McDuffie fell in love with the rustic beauty of the hills that lay on the border of Oakland and Berkeley.

Susan Cerny and Anthony Bruce of the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Alliance tell us that McDuffie acquired about 10 acres of a steep, wooded canyon southwest of Tunnel Road. A creek bisected the property that grew lush with native oak, buckeye and bay trees.

According to BAH, McDuffie approached architect John Galen Howard in 1909 to design a country estate on the eastern boundary of his property. Howard was already known for his work as the supervising architect of the Master Plan for

the University of California, Berkeley. Howard's design is often described as a "Tuscan farmhouse," because of its massive arched carriage doors and its courtyard, according to BAH. The McDuffies lived here until 1924, when they moved into the Mediterranean-style home that Willis Polk designed for them.

Today Roble Road retains the tranquil atmosphere of a country lane, says BAH. "The raw nature of 1905 has been tamed by the passing century and the mature plantings of old gardens drape over moss-stained walls."

## WILLIS POLK

Willis Polk was instrumental in redirecting the course of architecture in the San Francisco region according to the ideals of the academic movement. During the 1890s, he produced unusually diverse architectural forms, space, scale, and imagery. He drew from post-medieval vernacular sources and from classical schemes. His last project in 1924 was 22 Roble Road.

Patricia Bennett

## VITAL STATISTICS

**What:** A Mediterranean-style home at 22 Roble Court, in Berkeley, that Willis Polk designed for real estate magnate Duncan McDuffie.

**Size:** 6,757-square feet of finished living space and 1,712 square feet of unfinished space on a 39,744 square-foot lot.

**Bedrooms:** Eight

**Bathrooms:** Five

**Features:** The home features a great hall and a dining room that opens onto the patio through graciously appointed doors. There is a one-bedroom, one-bath chauffeur's apartment, three decorative pools, a large patio off the kitchen, an entry courtyard and a magnificent long vine-covered loggia.

**Price:** \$3,200,000

**Listing Agent:** Patricia Bennett, Montclair Better Homes Real Estate, 510-482-9000

## Real Estate Focus

### Charming King's Estates home



**THE ADORABLE TWO-BEDROOM,** one-bath cottage at 3718 Columbian Drive in Oakland's King's Estates is a spacious 1,225 square feet. Built in 1938 some of its wonderful period details have been maintained. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, bedroom and hallway. Handsome arched doorways add to the spaciousness and uniqueness of this home. Living room has a wood-burning fireplace. Master bedroom has its private access to rear yard patio. Fully landscaped 5,665 square foot rear yard, extra long driveway leads to detached garage. Extra long driveway suitable for tandem, RV or boat parking. This home is ideally situated in a serene, well-established residential neighborhood, with easy access to freeway, public transportation, major thoroughfares and shopping. Stacked washer and dryer remain with the home.

**Price:** \$525,000; open Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

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## Business owners: Beware of retirement plan pitfalls

While you certainly value the time your employees spend working for your company, as a business owner you want to help them in their efforts to save for the time when they can finally retire. But establishing and maintaining a plan that will let your employees' savings grow tax-deferred does come with additional responsibilities.

In order to meet these responsibilities — listed below — you will want to plan carefully when establishing a qualified retirement plan. Failure to live up to the terms of your agreement could prove costly for your business. Following are some important considerations:

**Retain plan records.** The law governing qualified plans requires plan sponsors to retain all plan-related materials for at least six years after the filing date. In addition, these documents need to be preserved in such a way that they are readily accessible for easy retrieval. Records that are lost, stolen or destroyed before that six-year period is up would need to be recreated in short order should the Department of Labor request them.

In some cases, you may be able to contract with outside firms to provide certain reports and prepare specific documents. But the responsibility to retain supporting records for these filings ultimately lies with you. The list of documents that must be retained is lengthy, so you should make sure you have a good grasp on what you need to save and how you'll organize it all.

**Distribute employee notices.** To comply with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act — the law, commonly referred to as ERISA, that regulates the operation of private pensions and benefit plans — employers must distribute to employees certain important documents. If applicable, these may include such items as blackout notices, enrollment material, summary plan descriptions and summary annual reports, to name a few. If you do not see to it that these are sent out in a timely manner, your business could incur substantial penalties. To avoid these penalties, your plan's administrator or record keeper should provide you with the applicable required notices and instructions for their distribution.

**Make prudent investment choices.** In most types of qualified retirement plans, the underlying investments help plan participants work toward their retirement goals. As a result, ERISA requires that you make prudent investment decisions for the sole benefit of all plan participants and that you diversify investments to help reduce the risk of large losses. Although it is not required, ERISA strongly encourages companies to develop a written investment policy statement. Your policy should provide a clear statement of your plan's investment objectives to help identify appropriate investments and provide standards for evaluating investment choices on an ongoing basis.

**Make timely salary deferral deposits.** Salary deferrals withheld from employees' paychecks must be deposited into the plan as soon as reasonably possible, per DOL regulations. You will want to work with your payroll department — or with your outside payroll provider — to make sure salary deferral contributions



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## You're invited to get out and vote



**THE PROFESSIONAL AND CHEERY AGENTS** of Prudential California Realty's award winning Lake office urges voters to "get out and vote" on Tuesday Nov. 7. The office, located at 3320 Grand Ave. in Oakland has been a polling place for all elections the last 15 years. You are also invited to them Saturday, Nov. 11 for "Fingerprinting for Kids."

## Offer day: Getting down to business

*Number 471 in a series of true experiences in real estate*

It was an exciting day, the day we listened to offers. We had a hard time winding down afterwards. At 9 that night, we were still twittering.

Much had occurred that day, and so much had gone on before. Our seller had taken a year to make the difficult decision to move, then find a smaller home, and go there. For weeks she'd cleaned out closets, attic, garage, and garden, gone through belongings, found appropriate destinations for everything she could no longer house and use.

One couple, extremely busy with work ran out of time. They had seen the house and loved it, wanted to make an offer to buy, but in the week since they'd visited, there had not been a moment to read the inspections or other disclosures on the house. Their agent had called the evening before the announced offer day to say they'd be home by 10, hoped to go through the paperwork, and perhaps they'd be writing an offer in the early morning.

In the weeks preceding the first showing of the house, the last of the seller's furnishings had been removed. Painters and floor people were scheduled so that they did not get in each other's way. The hot water heater was strapped, new light bulbs placed, and every window was washed.

The woman who will become the new owner and resident of "our" house had been busy, too. She and her agent prepared her San Francisco house for sale, marketed it, and a buyer was found. The sale closed and with it came an agreement for vacating the house. The woman looked in earnest for a replacement home in Berkeley and, just at the right moment, was shown this one. It was all that she'd been looking for, and if she was successful, she still had time to buy and move directly into it. She wouldn't have to find an interim rental and move twice.

Our seller had gone through all of her records and receipts. Over the almost 50 years she'd lived in

the house, she'd had much upgrading and maintenance work performed. She documented the work and the quirks of the house in a lengthy written narrative, including information on everything from when the roof was put on and by whom, to an explanation of the 5 pilot lights on her vintage kitchen stove.

The seller's attention to detail was greatly appreciated by interested buyers and their agents who understood from it how well she had cared for her house.

We had hugely attended open houses. There were people everywhere in this large house. Many admired the original woodwork, the newly refinished wood floors, pretty outlooks. Also, the lacey curtains hung by our stager and the inviting atmosphere she created.

A number of interested buyers requested disclosure packages and returned to see the house again. One couple decided they weren't ready. Their present house would still need to be sold and there was a chance of a job transfer in the offing. Another group felt that too much remodeling would be necessary to make the house fit their needs.

So many hopes and prospects of so many people were involved in this house. The seller had physically moved but she will still be going through the process of letting go of her long-time home for some time to come. The people who wanted to buy the house, the ones who had looked at other houses and chosen this one, would be competing for it.

They'd talked to their agents about what price to offer, tried to take into account what work they'd need to do, and pay for, if they became the new owners. They'd estimated their new property taxes, consulted with their mortgage broker about loans. They thought long and hard about what it would feel like to live their lives in this house.

One couple who did make an offer brought their three young children to our Sunday open house, delightful, well-mannered kids, who

chose their favorite room, asked their parents if, when they lived there, they could all together in the lower level room.

For a week this family and planned of moving house. Sadly, there can be no buyer for any house, and they did everything in the house to make the house theirs, someone else.

The offerors, guided by agents, read and signed papers almost an inch thick. They asked questions, they listed made notes and willingly acquainted with amazing data on federal, state and local ordinances and practices. We put timers on lamps would be lights on at night repairman at the last minute cure a screen door, while the rust off of the classic tools.

The stager washed the concrete patio, hung shopped for the right lamp room with no overhead light.

The would-be buyers turned to the seller telling her they wanted this particular house, assurance that they spect and enjoy its old life.

And now, late in the offer day, Anet and I, with experience with this house seller and with the woman the next owner. We large life changes and come about, and of how long is this acquiring-living and passing along of a

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# Good neighbors come to rescue

Tuesday, as I sat at my desk, the familiar sound of metal "bender." Then, a very unfamiliar sound of a woman's scream

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led me from my desk. I rushed out to see a woman and gathered. I yelled, "Call the police!" and ran out the door. A few

seconds later, I was attempting to push a large SUV uphill along with four or five people I had never met.

The woman who was caught was still screaming. Moments later the driver returned and pulled her car forward, releasing the pinned woman. A volunteer fireman/medic arrived and was comforting the distraught woman. From somewhere a blanket appeared and soon after bags of ice. The driver, frantic with fear and guilt, was inconsolable.

There were people who tried to assist. A colleague had picked up a PG&E A-frame with the flashing light and brought it into the street to help protect the woman who was now lying down.

A man began directing traffic around the incident and directed police, fire truck and ambulance to the woman, when they arrived. It was all very scary. After my heart rate returned to normal I began to think about it all.



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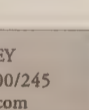
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There were perhaps a dozen people, busy with their day, who stopped instantly and went to the aid of an individual that none of us knew minutes before. It filled me with pride to think that I was among those who had sprung into action, to aid a stranger.

I hope the poor woman who was pinned between the cars is recovering. And I want to thank all of "these strangers" who are part of our community. It gives me a nice warm feeling to know you are there.

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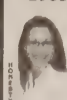
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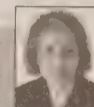
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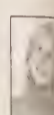


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**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$695,000  
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**Preparing your Home for a Quick Sale**

In my last article I gave advice about how to make sure that your home makes a good first impression by a few simple quick fixes to the exterior of your home. Now that you're inviting potential buyers into your home, an open house where they are seeing & smelling? If you have pets in your home then you have odors. Have your carpeting professionally cleaned. Sounds simple but it's often overlooked. On the morning of your open house set a dish of white vinegar in each room to absorb the pet odor (the sure to remove the vinegar before the open house.) Remove all pet bedding, bowls, toys & litter boxes. Either put them in your garage out of sight or in a cabinet where they won't be seen. Get rid of all clutter in every room and remove all personal pictures and your refrigerator magnets collection. Buyers need to visualize the home as theirs not yours. If you have one of those decorator rooms with bold colors, now is the time to repaint in a neutral tone. Some of your furniture should be removed to make the room appear larger and allow for a clear traffic pattern.

Neat bedrooms help sales. We suggest the homeowner uses their beds, bedspreads and have the dresser and tabletops clutter free and arranged. Neat closets (yes, they do look in your closets) look larger and give a good impression. Closets should be cleaned out and out of season clothes stored in the attic or a storage room. If a closet is too crowded, buyers will feel that the closets are too small for them. Sparkling bathrooms with neat medicine cabinets make a great impression. Light is imperative: Bright rooms are cheerful rooms to a prospective buyer. If a room is dark, it should be kept as light as possible by using light curtains. Bright bulbs should also be used in poorly lighted rooms, especially a basement.

On HGTV there is a series of programs called "Designed to Sell" that has a lot of great ideas to spruce up your home for less than \$2,000. On Nov 10, I'll discuss "Pricing Your Home - Realistic or Wishful Thinking?"

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**ALAMEDA**

**2601 CALHOUN STREET** \$799,500  
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Great 4 bedroom, 3 bath extended family home with separate au pair living quarters. **Steve DiGiulio** 510-748-1171

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Fenwick District Open Saturday 2-5  
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Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/hardwood floors, beamed ceilings, bonus room and much more. **Michele Poulter** 510-748-1157

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**224 BRIGHTON COURT** \$705,000  
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**1175 REGENT STREET** \$595,000  
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Ageless 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath Queen Anne w/many original details & woodwork. **Susan Kaney** 510-748-3020

**1018 BEGONIA** \$663,000  
Bay Farm Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath corner home including a spacious FR, front room, DR and kitchen combo. **Carole Souza** 510-748-1190

**955 SHOREPOINT CT. #212** \$320,000  
Beach - The Shores Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
Fine condo offers w/spacious LR, balcony, Galley kitchen w/eating area off LR. **Ruth Masonak** 510-912-5055

**1042 JOST LANE** \$599,000  
Garden Isle Open Sat & Sun 2-4  
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath town home w/lots of upgrades like tile countertops & more! **Darryl & Yolanda Freeman** 510-748-1165

**2358 CORAL SEA STREET** \$1,098,000  
Bayport Open Sat & Sun 2-5  
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**31 INVINCIBLE COURT** \$669,000  
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**1310 TOWN STREET** \$699,000  
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**2809 SAN JOSE AVENUE** \$565,000  
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**334 TIDEWAY** \$1,275,000  
Ballena Bay Open Sunday 2-4  
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**1188 REGENT STREET** \$829,000  
East End Open Sunday 2-4  
Two beautiful homes on one very large lot! Terrific East End brown shingle Craftsman. Must See! **Ann Bracci** 510-748-1807

**1523 ENCINAL AVENUE** \$925,000  
Off Gold Coast Open Sunday 2-4  
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**1115 PARKER STREET** \$599,000  
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**FREMONT**

**3573 SHADOW BROOK** \$665,000  
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**2850 COOLIDGE AVENUE** \$448,000  
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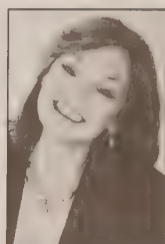
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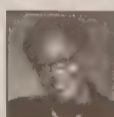


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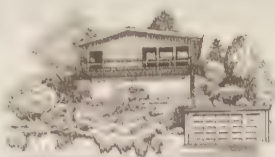


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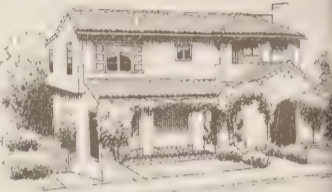
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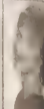
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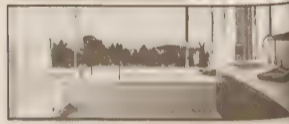


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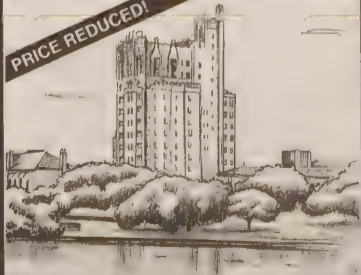
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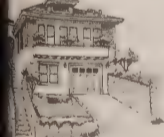
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\$724,000  
SUN 1 - 4  
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\$699,000  
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3 BR 2 BA 1910 Berkeley home on three levels.  
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**BERKELEY**  
\$599,000  
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4 BR 2 BA Appealing duplex, hwd flrs, backyard,  
one unit vacant, off-street parking, near cafes.  
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**LINCOLN HEIGHTS**  
\$599,000  
SUN 2 - 5  
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\$598,000  
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\$559,000  
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\$534,000  
SUN 2 - 4  
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\$529,000  
SUN 2 - 4  
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Albany school! Please visit: www.1034Evelyn.com  
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\$529,000  
SUN 2 - 5  
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\$505,000  
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Spacious updated kitchen. Garage  
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**CLAREMONT HILLS**  
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**Sunday 2-5 \$1,395,000**  
1756 Manzanita Drive. Panoramic views and beyond from 4BR/3+BA contemporary with Mediterranean flair.  
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**Sunday 1-4 \$895,000**  
1023 Winsor. Fabulous redo. New kitchen and baths, great yard. 2BR/2BA.  
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OAKLAND

**Sat/Sun 2-4:30 \$859,000**  
6409 Westover. Wow! Remodeled 4BR/2BA Montclair retreat. Great kitchen & master suite with fireplace.  
Kevin Krekel (510) 868-1400



BERKELEY

**Sunday 1-5 \$679,000**  
913 Channing Way. Must see! Lovely 3BR/2BA with lots of space and parking.  
Desiray R. McFall (510) 337-8670



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**Sunday 1-4 \$819,000**  
4109 Vintage Terrace. 3BR/2.5BA with car garage, private patio.  
Nairobi Kim (510) 868-1400

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**Gracious 4BR/2BA \$1,785,000**  
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**Sat/Sun 2-4:30 \$859,000**  
901 Alma Place. New price! Stunning 3BR/2.5BA English architecture in Crocker Highlands.  
Patricia Makinen (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$765,000**  
1240 Bates Road. New price on charming 3BR/2BA Spanish Mediterranean.  
Mary Dresser.com (510) 339-9290

**Sunday 2-4:30 \$679,000**  
5837 Scarborough Drive. New price! Spacious 3+BR/2BA light-filled Montclair home.  
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**2917 Coolidge Ave. \$555,000**  
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**Sat/Sun 2-4:30 \$519,000**  
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Lillian Liao (510) 337-8670

**Sunday 1-4 \$475,000**  
801 Franklin #1202, Chinatown. 2BR/1.5BA with view. 1,200 sq. ft. (510) 915-4644  
Pattie Holm (510) 527-9800

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**Sunday 1-4 \$439,000**  
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**3030 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way \$430,000**  
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**Sat/Sun 1-5 \$399,000**  
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Doug Fuller (510) 339-9290

**Sun 2-5 \$359,000**  
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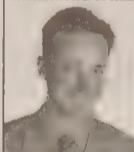
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**700 - 25TH ST., RICHMOND**



#321 - COZY DUPLEX - Two attached garages Great location, quiet neighborhood. Close to school, excellent condition. Wonderful opportunity to live in one and rent out the other to be delivered vacant

**\$524,900**

**BEST VALUE**



#202 - Check out the opportunity here. Big home - low price. Lots of extras. Mammoth family room, modern kitchen, 2 decks, fenced play yard and great neighbors

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**1541 LIBERTY ST., EL CERRITO**



#264 - LIGHT FILLED - Charming home offers a new kitchen w/new appliances & granite counters, new bath, refinished hwd. flrs, freshly painted inter, & new furnace. Private backyard w/new landscaping, brick patio & a great neighborhood close to everything, make this cozy light filled home a must see.

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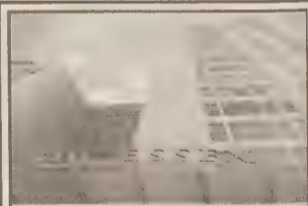
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**1515 EAST 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET \$480,000**  
Bayview. Pristine bungalow with charming original details. 3BR/1BA, hardwood floors, stylishly remodeled kitchen and bathroom, huge back yard with garden shed/art studio! Near Highland hospital, 580/13 freeways, public transportation and close to Lake Merritt.  
Shalene Rose 531-7000 x250

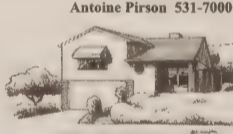


**GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY \$450,000**  
East Lake Merritt. This is an adorable duplex with 2 1BR/1BA apartments, a large unfinished basement, and a small yard in rear. A great investment opportunity. Live in 1 apartment and rent the other!  
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**221 HILLCREST CIRCLE \$619,000**  
Pleasant Hill/Walnut Creek. Large 3BR/2.5BA Townhouse in very desirable and quiet Cresthill neighborhood. Close to shops/restaurants and easy access to freeways.  
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**4366 ALBERT STREET \$615,000**  
Upper Laurel. This spacious bungalow has a spacious living room, large dining room/family room, 2+ BR and 1.5BA. Enjoy the sparkling hardwood floors, architectural detail, fresh paint in and out, as well as the spacious garage with interior access. Terrific deck out to the backyard.  
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**466 CRESCENT STREET #208 \$337,000**  
Grand Lake. Price reduced on this spacious unit. Completely upgraded with maple cabinets and granite counters in the kitchen and lovely designer colors throughout. Enjoy the balcony for outside relaxation or use the pool or club room for entertaining. Cutting-edge technology provides security for entry and garage. Must see!  
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NEW LISTING! OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2-4:30PM

Commanding, unobstructed SF/GG view!  
Well designed 3BR/2.5BA. Formal dining  
room, eat-in kitchen with pantry, family  
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## NEW PRICE - OAKLAND HILLS OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2-4:30PM



5586 Bacon Road, Oakland  
Offered at \$1,500,000

This lovingly cared for custom built traditional is on the market for the first time. Situated on over one acre, the home has the feel of a private resort with its decks, pool, and expansive indoor-outdoor areas. A gourmet kitchen with adjoining family room is the heart of the house and lends itself to gracious entertaining. From the formal living and dining rooms to the large rumpus room this home is a joy to live, work and play in! 4+bedrooms, 4 baths.



Dee Knowland  
510.338.1318

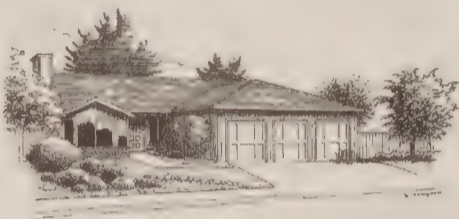
## NEW RIDGEMONT LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2-4:30PM



6133 Ridgmont Drive, Oakland  
Offered at \$1,029,000

Outstanding SF Bay views from most rooms in this lovely 3BR/2BA home with soaring ceilings and open spaces. The spacious living room is level-out to the rear deck and a yard with mature professional landscaping. This home offers an eat-in kitchen, 2 fireplaces, and an extra large 3 car garage. One level living with a step-down to the master bedroom suite and a step-up to the library. Just beautiful!

## NEW RIDGEMONT LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2-4:30PM



6230 Viewcrest Drive, Oakland  
Offered at \$910,000

All level living in Ridgmont. Well designed 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, family room with fireplace. Beautiful outdoor living with a sense of privacy, large level yard, 3 car garage, roof replaced.



Vicki Woodhead  
510.338.1334

## NEW BERKELEY LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2-5PM



1346 Sacramento Street, Berkeley  
Offered at \$749,000

This bright, open contemporary home has 3BR/2BA, and a spacious family room. It is located close to BART and just two blocks from Monterey Market with all of the shops, restaurants and businesses that make this such a coveted neighborhood. Retreat to the warmth and comfort of your home, commune with Mother Nature on your sunny deck or spend the day in your lovely garden with 26 rose bushes and mature landscaping. This is what sophisticated yet casual living is all about!

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

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| <p><b>GRAND LAKE</b> \$899,000<br/>578 MIRA VISTA AVE.<br/>Another price reduction! Craftsman beauty with 4+BR, updated baths &amp; kitchen, rumpus, beautiful vistas, storage and a 2-car garage. Located in the Rose Garden area. Donna DeBardi x1374</p> | <p><b>CROCKER HIGHLANDS</b> \$739,000<br/>1381 HOLMAN RD.<br/>Delightful 3BR/2BA home in Trestle Glen area. Upgraded kitchen with sliding glass doors, spacious master bedroom, large basement, garage. Dolores Thom x1364</p>  | <p><b>DIMOND</b> \$619,000<br/>3539 BOSTON AVE.<br/>3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Adorable craftsman bungalow lovingly restored. Decorator colors, fireplace, hardwood floors, lovely yard. Nancy Noman x1373</p>   |
| <p><b>OAKLAND HILLS</b> \$896,000<br/>4959 STONERIDGE Ct.<br/>Spacious 4BR/3BA Ridgmont home built in 1988. 3-car garage, deck, level yard. Beautiful canyon views. Freshly painted. Located on peaceful cul-de-sac. Leslie Easterday x1363</p>             | <p><b>REDWOOD HEIGHTS</b> \$739,000<br/>3396 HERRIER ST.<br/>(Open 1-5)<br/>Spacious 3BR traditional w/gorgeous bay &amp; city views. Stunning hardwood floors, distinct architectural detailing &amp; large sun-filled rooms. Family room, garden. Diane E. McCan x1352</p>      | <p><b>CROCKER HIGHLANDS</b> \$589,000<br/>1371 HOLMAN RD.<br/>Back on market! Adorable 2BR/1BA 1920s Mediterranean in Trestle Glen area. Lovely formal rooms, remodeled kitchen &amp; bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, garage, patio/garden. Dolores Thom x1364</p> |
| <p><b>CLAREMONT HILLS</b> \$1,449,000<br/>1999 TUNNEL RD.<br/>Brand new Richard Janzen designed custom contemporary. 4BR/3.5BA, elevator, separate guest or office suite, gourmet kitchen, level indoor/outdoor living areas. Fritz Hochfellner x1348</p>   | <p><b>REDWOOD HEIGHTS</b> \$699,000<br/>3420 JORDAN RD.<br/>Grand architectural gem. Beautiful 2BR/1.5BA home. Hardwood floors, wood trim moldings, high ceilings, built-ins &amp; tiled fireplace. Deck, garden. Diane E. McCan x1352</p>  | <p><b>TEMESCAL</b> \$539,000<br/>440 38TH ST. #A<br/>New price! Three year old 2BR/2BA townhouse. Fenced front yard, beautiful floors, abundant storage space, double-paned windows, washer/dryer, 1-car attached garage. Jeffrey Neideman x1385</p>                 |
| <p><b>CLAREMONT HILLS</b> \$2,348,000<br/>111 NORFOLK RD.<br/>Stunning view contemporary home designed by David Perkins. 4+BR/4.5BA, open living &amp; dining areas, slate terraces, wired media rooms, home office. Fritz Hochfellner x1348</p>            | <p><b>REDWOOD HEIGHTS</b> \$799,000<br/>3121 JORDAN AVE.<br/>Beautifully remodeled 3BR/2.5BA contemporary in creekside setting. Gourmet kitchen, updated baths, hardwood floors. Expansive decks. In-law unit. Joanna Hirsch x1366</p>  | <p><b>JACK LONDON SQUARE</b> \$509,000<br/>201 4TH ST. #412<br/>Sophisticated loft. Bright 2BR/1.5BA unit w/high ceilings &amp; concrete floors. Kitchen &amp; baths w/nice finishes. Near transportation &amp; shops. Dan Joy x1304</p>                             |
| <p><b>BERKELEY</b> \$975,000<br/>2800 DERBY ST.<br/>Stately Elmwood brown shingle. Beautiful windows and craftsman details. Sunny, easy care garden. Room for expansion. 4BR/2BA. Jack McPhail x1336</p>  | <p><b>LAUREL</b> \$699,000<br/>3001 WISCONSIN ST.<br/>Charming all level 1934 Tudor with all the amenities of a newer home. 3BR/1+BA, large kitchen, breakfast room, formal dining, hardwood floors, fireplace. Yard w/hot tub. Keith Tollas x1382</p>                            | <p><b>EL SOBRANTE</b> \$495,000<br/>4229 FARISS LN.<br/>Spacious inviting 3BR/2BA home nicely updated. Fireplace, country kitchen, family room, gleaming hardwood floors, lovely garden. Leslie Avant x1341</p>  |
| <p><b>OAKLAND HILLS</b> \$2,050,000<br/>100 GRAND VIEW DR.<br/>Exceptional 4BR/3.5BA Mediterranean w/unobstructed bay views. New construction. Gourmet kitchen, elevator, sauna, media/game room, climate controlled wine cellar. Dee Knowland x1318</p>    | <p><b>REDWOOD HEIGHTS</b> \$685,000<br/>3666 REDWOOD RD.<br/>(Open 1-5)<br/>New Listing! Clean &amp; spacious 3BR/2.5BA Ranch. Large rooms w/approx. 2000 sq. ft. of living space. Close to Redwood Heights Elementary, park &amp; transportation. Dwight McCan x1391</p>         | <p><b>GRAND LAKE</b> \$249,000<br/>455 CRESCENT ST. #115<br/>(Open 2-5)<br/>Peaceful, spacious 1BR/1BA in convenient location. Easy commute, coffee, eats, movies, the Lake. Private entry patio. Jeffrey Himmel x1307</p>   |
| <p><b>BERKELEY</b> \$1,895,000<br/>101 MILLER AVE.<br/>Stately home built by David Wilson in 1993. Exceptional architecture, exquisite finishes &amp; glories of GG Bridge &amp; Mt. Tam. Secluded &amp; private. 5BR/3.5BA. Erika Celestre x1370</p>       | <p><b>MONTCLAIR</b> \$799,000<br/>1145 GLENELAND DR.<br/>(Open 2-5)<br/>Spacious contemporary w/3BR/2BA. The perfect home for every stage of your life. Open, light and airy in a lush wooded setting, enhanced by skylights, hardwoods &amp; a hot tub. Jeffrey Himmel x1307</p> | <p><b>JACK LONDON SQUARE</b> \$629,000<br/>201 4TH ST. #411<br/>Sophisticated loft living from this bright 2BR/2BA corner unit. Custom upgrades &amp; finishes. Beautifully painted, hi-end lighting, granite counters. Dan Joy x1304</p>                            |
| <p><b>CLAREMONT PINES</b> \$1,495,000<br/>122 ACACIA AVE.<br/>Stunning 1986 craftsman home in coveted neighborhood. Spacious formal rooms &amp; gourmet eatery. Chef's kitchen/family room w/ french doors. Ashley O'Neill x1368</p>                        | <p><b>REDWOOD HEIGHTS</b> \$789,000<br/>1994 MARIN AVE.<br/>Craftsman-era home w/wonderful period detail &amp; charm just waiting for renovation &amp; updating. Level-in entry, hardwood floors, versatile two-story floor plan. Jeffrey Neideman x1385</p>                      | <p><b>ADAMS POINT</b> \$225,000<br/>Best value! Immaculate updated Zen unit away from the city's frantic pace. Stress fades away as soon as you step in the front door. Check it out. www.jeffreyhimmel.com. x1307</p>   |
| <p><b>BERKELEY</b> \$1,945,000<br/>10000 Ultra-stylish contemporary remodeled w/inspired eclectic flair. Unique stainless steel stone floors, chef's kitchen. Glass-walled laundry &amp; sweeping views. Steven Biasatti x1379</p>                          | <p><b>SAN LEANDRO</b> \$699,000<br/>Chic 1920s bungalow in prime location. 3+BR/1BA, updated kitchen &amp; bath, gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace, deck, new windows &amp; doors. Fritz Hochfellner x1348</p>  | <p><b>ROCKCRIDGE</b> \$725,000<br/>Charming 2BR/1BA craftsman cottage w/classic period details. Designer colors, refinished wood floors, wonderful updated kitchen, fenced yard, garage. Near College Ave. Lori Lombardo x1377</p>                                   |
| <p><b>REDWOOD AVENUE</b> \$870,000<br/>Stunning 1986 craftsman. Grand formal rooms, gourmet remodeled kitchen, inglenook w/stone fireplace &amp; built-in seating. Separate 1BR/1BA unit w/level 2+BR/3BA. Dolores Thom x1364</p>                           | <p><b>BERKELEY</b> \$699,000<br/>5BR/3BA. Beautiful Victorian on extra large sunny lot. Near BART. High ceilings, fireplace, hardwood. Duplex or large home + income. Nancy Noman x1373</p>   | <p><b>ADAMS POINT</b> \$225,000<br/>Best value! Immaculate updated Zen unit away from the city's frantic pace. Stress fades away as soon as you step in the front door. Check it out. www.jeffreyhimmel.com. x1307</p>   |

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COMING SOON

## Piedmont - Open Sunday 2-4:30



**50 Sellborne Drive** \$3,850,000  
Privacy, state-of-the-art technology, warmth & at-home comfort come together beautifully in this 5BR/5BA stunning villa. Old world charm & contemporary amenities. Karen Starr



**330 San Carlos Avenue** \$1,725,000  
Enjoy lovely sunsets & classical elegance of this handsome Colonial home. Spacious formal rooms, large kitchen/family room w/beautiful windows overlooking a lush garden. Nancy Lehrkind



**10 Dormidera Avenue** \$1,270,000  
Centrally located in the heart of Piedmont, this traditional home enjoys nearly level living, gracious formal rooms, intimate gardens, office/bonus space & expansive rumpus room. Mindy Scott



**1124 Ranleigh Way** \$298,000  
Delightful 3BR/2BA Craftsman. Designer kitchen, family room, level out to deck and private garden. Super quiet location close to schools and shopping. Master suite. Linda McC



**60 Hazel Lane** \$1,495,000  
This charming traditional w/story book charm on one of Piedmont's most desirable streets awaits restoration. 3BR/2BA, formal living & dining rooms w/plus spaces. Debby DiMaggio

**118 Ranleigh Way** \$1,265,000  
Enjoy the contemporary new kitchen, separate guest suite & fabulous outdoor garden 'room' & spa while living just steps to outstanding schools in this beautiful 3+BR/3.5BA home. Mindy Scott

**265 Scenic Avenue** \$477,000  
Stylish, renovated traditional. 3+BR/2BA. All-wood kitchen. Tile & stone baths. Family room w/fireplace. Easy access to decks & level garden. Customized throughout. Carol B

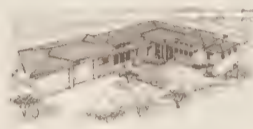
**220 Saint James Drive** \$2,650,000  
Perfectly sited on a private lot, this well proportioned home has been restored to perfection. It's spectacular staircase & original plaster moldings set the tone for the rest of the home. Mindy Scott

**114 Alta Avenue** \$1,299,000  
A very special architect-designed & recently-built home! With stunning hill views & an open floor plan, this spacious home has 4BR/3BA & large rumpus room. Move right in. Angela Wei Grubb

**43 Cambridge Way** \$1,249,000  
A Spanish tiled veranda welcomes you to this spacious 3BR/3BA traditional. New chef's eat-in kitchen, formal dining room & living room w/fireplace. French doors open to gardens. Matt Heafy

**1607 Grand Avenue** \$800,000  
New price! Handsome 1922 traditional. Classic story home with private garden patio and deck. Convenient location, close to everything. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, garage. Julie G

## Oakland & Alameda - Open Sunday 2-4:30



**6550 Swainland Road** \$3,600,000  
New from Reuvekamp Builders! Exciting contemporary w/panoramic views! 5BR/4.5BA, formal dining, large kitchen/family room, library, media room, 3-car garage & more! Bebe McRae



**20 Schooner Hill** \$1,250,000  
Elegant Hiller townhouse with stunning views. Open floor plan on main level, 3BR/2+BA including luxurious master suite, 3 decks, atrium, family room and bonus room. Elizabeth Dickson



**6876 The Turn** \$829,000  
This beautifully designed home has dramatic interior spaces perfect for entertaining. Master suite w/custom closet/dressing room & elegant bath. 2BR, kitchen/family & library. Matt Heafy



**167 Bayforest Drive** \$728,000  
"Carmel cottage" charm in the heart of Montclair near the village & school. Separate home office w/au pair suite. 3+BR/2BA. Garage. Two great outdoor rooms. Katherine Co

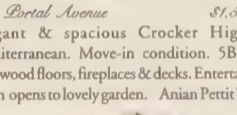


**1800 Mountain Boulevard** \$1,250,000  
Stunning, newer contemporary, 4BR/2+BA, close to the village, in absolutely move-in condition. Wonderful chef's kitchen with adjoining family room, opens onto lovely rear garden. Carolyn Jones



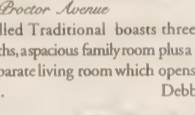
**5508 Proctor Avenue** \$849,000  
Sun-filled Traditional boasts three bedrooms, two baths, a spacious family room plus a formal dining and separate living room which opens out to a level garden. Debbi DiMaggio

**485 Van Dyke** \$799,000  
Stately & updated China Hill Craftsman. Wonderful gumwood built-in cabinets & trim with the natural finish preserved. Large lot, fruit trees & 2-car garage. Michael Fried



**875 Portal Avenue** \$1,575,000  
Elegant & spacious Crocker Highlands Mediterranean. Move-in condition. 5BR/4BA, hardwood floors, fireplaces & decks. Entertainment room opens to lovely garden. Anian Pettit Tunney

**1054 Sunnyhills Road** \$1,195,000  
Well-maintained Crocker Highlands traditional w/3BR/2.5BA + family room. Updated eat-in kitchen w/new granite counters & hardwood floors. Master suite w/private deck. Anthony Riggins



**1067 Hubert Road** \$295,000  
New Price! Enjoy the friendly neighborhood surrounding this charming English style home, pretty formal rooms, family room, office, updated kitchen & inviting gardens. Mindy Scott

**4351 Fleming Avenue** \$968,000  
New price on this charming 1920's duplex with two-bedroom, one-bath units. Top floor totally renovated with new kitchen, updated bath & gorgeous hardwood floors. Dana Gale



**970 Alvarado Road** \$1,865,000  
1995 David Trachtenberg designed contemporary Craftsman. Sophisticated & inviting spaces. 3BR/3BA or 2BR/2BA w/legal 1BR/1BA apartment. Bay views. Appealing in every way. Ruth Frassetto



**1037 Aquarius Way** \$1,295,000  
Dramatic contemporary nestled in the Montclair hills. Pure clean architecture in verdant setting. Level lawn, spa & serene views. A masterpiece. Convenient to the Village and transportation. Jill Carrigan

**3226 Thompson Avenue** \$950,000  
ALAMEDA. Very beautifully detailed Tudor: gorgeous built-ins & plus areas to expand. Inviting large rear garden, patio & prime East end location on Christmas Tree Lane. Anne Van Dyke



**2820 Emert Boulevard** \$849,000  
Upper Oakmore 4BR/3BA traditional includes a cook's kitchen with granite counters; nestled above a sea of oak trees with a peak of view of the San Francisco Bay. Bettina Balestrieri

**670 Vernon Street #102** \$439,000  
Sparkling 2BR unit in the coveted Rose Park Terrace building. Enjoy grilling on the private patio overlooking the Rose Garden. Granite counters & many stylish upgrades. Michelle Winches



**6329 Zappetti Drive** \$729,000  
This lovely English home opens level out to a beautiful park-like garden. Located on The Piedmont side of Montclair. Two bedrooms, two baths and a den. Debra Dryden

**749 Wesley Way #26** \$379,000  
Handsome Crocker Highlands condominium near Lakeshore shops & restaurants. 1BR/1BA, fully furnished corner unit, dining area opens to balcony overlooking wooded setting. Judith C

## Berkeley, Kensington & El Cerrito - Open Sunday 2-4:30



**3116 Lewiston Avenue** \$1,695,000  
Stylish 3-story classic Craftsman, full of character, on a special tree-lined street, near shopping, restaurants & transportation. 5BR/3+BA, including stunning top-floor master suite! Tricia Swift



**1828 San Juan** \$1,150,000  
Fabulous 20's Tudor Revival surrounded by an oak studded lot! Three spacious bedrooms, formal dining room, breakfast nook, updated kitchen and baths. Economides/Hill

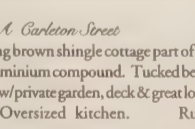


**2305 McFee Avenue** \$395,000  
Sweet Central Berkeley cottage, close to theaters, Farmers' Market, BART & schools. Fabulous upgraded cook's kitchen, 2BR/1BA & secluded patio w/hot tub. Great neighborhood. Tricia Swift

**809 Arlington Avenue** \$688,000  
EL CERRITO. Terrific view home and plenty of space for this cosmetic fixer. Two living rooms, kitchens, perfect for extended family. Fruit trees & loads of storage. Diane Ver



**605 Colusa Avenue** \$849,000  
Large formal rooms, gorgeous floors, huge master suite & more, close to Solano Ave. shops & Kensington Circle. Great access to transit, schools, & North Berkeley treasures! Tricia Swift



**2214 A Carleton Street** \$410,000  
Darling brown shingle cottage part of special 2-unit condominium compound. Tucked behind the main house w/private garden, deck & great location. 1+BR/1BA. Oversized kitchen. Ruth Frassetto

**132 Purdue Avenue** \$1,688,000  
KENSINGTON. Exciting contemporary on hill "Maybeck Hill" in Kensington w/stunning views, Bay & bridges. Completely remodeled. Level patio. 5BR/3BA. Private road-secured. Tricia Swift

**3111 Los Angeles Avenue** \$1,295,000  
Captivating Craftsman w/San Francisco & Golden Gate views! 4+BR/2+BA. Fabulous original architectural details. Library, family Room, study and lovely gardens w/hot tub. The Ratcliffes

**2026 Ninth Street** \$749,000  
Charming renovated 3BR/2BA cottage w/original Victorian details. Convenient to shops & restaurants. Formal rooms w/rich wood trim. Large kitchen w/Wedgewood stove. 3BR/2BA. Michelle Winchester

**654 Santa Barbara** \$829,500  
Award-quality professional kitchen! Bay views. Gracious living room. Formal dining room. Bonus rooms for multiple offices, library & hobbies. Incredible storage. Inviting garden. Chris Cohn

**249 Cambridge Avenue** \$838,000  
KENSINGTON. 1950's Modern-stylish & inviting near Village shops & exceptional Hill School. Excellent proximity to S.F. & Marin. S garden. Attached 2-car garage. Ruth Fr

**73 El Camino Real** \$1,165,000  
Dramatic Mediterranean w/private terrace overlooking Bay & Golden Gate! Gorgeous details! Remodeled gourmet kitchen! 3BR/2BA, Living room w/fireplace. Fabulous garden. Susie Schevill

**1251 Delaware Street** \$725,000  
Exceptional 2+BR/1.5BA home in move-in condition. Inviting formal rooms. Updated kitchen & baths. Lush gardens for the urban farmer. Near North Berkeley BART. Karthiga Anandan

**1807 Brewster Court** \$1,895,000  
EL CERRITO. Seductive setting on oak studded lot. Beguiling views of the S.F. Bay. Open floor plan for entertaining. Swimming pool & hot tub. Gorgeous updated chefs kitchen. Cul-de-sac. Ruth Frassetto

**25 Highgate Court** \$938,000  
Breathtaking views from this contemporary 3BR/2BA post & beam w/top-of-the-line gourmet stainless appliances. Custom cabinets. Craftsman acclaimed Hilltop School. Ruth Fr

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# Adding neighbor to home title might be a major mistake

Dear Bob: I added my neighbor's wife as joint tenants to my title, intending to leave it to her when I die. Will this create a problem for them? — Don W. Dear Don: Why would you do anything like that? Yes, it was a mistake. You gave up control of your property in case you died. You agreed to pay for your neighbor's share of the property. If you die, the old folks home, if you die, they can demand the share of the sales proceeds. If they refuse to sell and demand a share of the sales proceeds, you have to bring a partition suit to force a sale, with the court dividing two-thirds of the proceeds.

Worse, as gift donees, the neighbors in the property probably very low added cost basis. When they decide to sell, they will pay much higher property taxes.

Worse, by deeding part of the property away, the local assessor will probably reassess the property value, forcing you to pay much higher property taxes.

Worse, you could have created a living trust and named

your neighbors to receive your title after you die. Meanwhile, you would maintain 100 percent control, including the ability to sell if you desire.

More important, after the neighbors inherit your property they get a new stepped-up basis to market value on the date of your death and will owe little or no capital gain tax if they sell shortly thereafter.

Sorry to bring such very bad news. You should have consulted a local real estate or tax attorney before making that major mistake.

## Learn about flipping

Dear Bob: I am new to real estate and am interested in "flipping" properties. Where can I learn about getting rid of purchased properties and how can I sell them for fast profits? How can I be sure I won't get stuck and have to pay the taxes plus property maintenance? — Daniel R.

Dear Daniel: I suggest you study a great new book "Find It, Fix It, Flip It" by Michael Corbett. Read it twice so you thoroughly understand how to profitably flip houses. It is available in stock or by special order at local book-

stores, public libraries and on the Internet.

## Silly question has a very serious answer

Dear Bob: Here is a silly question for you. You mentioned several times that when a group of individuals owns and occupies a house, such as three roommates buying a house together, they each will be entitled to a \$250,000 principal-residence-sale tax exemption if they each meet the 24-out-of-last-60-months ownership and occupancy test. Would the same condition apply if I place my 7-year-old son on the deed to my home? Will each co-owner then be entitled to \$250,000 tax-free capital

gains after living in it for 24 of the 60 months before the sale? — Richmon T.

Dear Richmon: Yes. But there are major pitfalls of adding a minor's name to a real estate title.

When you and your wife decide to sell your home, unless your son is then 18 or older, you must have a court-appointed guardian to represent his interests.

Perhaps that guardian might decide his share of the sales proceeds should be held in trust until he becomes 18 (or 21, or some other age). I do not recommend doing what you contemplate.

Please remember the rule is minors can receive real estate ti-

tle, but they cannot convey title until they become 18.

## If you don't pay the bills, you don't get the deductions

Dear Bob: My life partner and I bought our home as tenants in common. But I make all the mortgage payments, as I earn most of the income. Can I deduct all the mortgage payments or do they have to be split between the two of us? — Michael S.

Dear Michael: Itemized income tax deductions for principal-residence mortgage interest and property taxes depend on who actually paid the payments.

If you pay 100 percent of

those expenses, only you can deduct those costs you paid. However, if you pay 75 percent and your co-owner pays 25 percent, then you each get to deduct only the amounts you each paid. For more details, please consult your tax adviser.

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driveway for substantial off-street parking, and all new landscaping.  
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3BR/2BA w/master suite, 3BA, gleaming new hardwood flrs, tile kitchen flrs,  
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pane windows, Bay views, 2-car garage, tile roof, family room.  
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Harbor Bay Realty	Central Alameda	Gregg Fujita	
\$320,000	955 Shorepoint Ct.	1BD/1BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Beach-The Shores	510-812-5055	Ruth Masonok
\$399,500	2205 San Antonio #C	2bd/1.5ba	Open Sun 2-4
Keller Williams	510-851-5986	Joanne Madlung	
\$435,000	1810 Central Ave.	4 BD/3 BA	Sun 2-4
Homes-Link Real Estate	Central Alameda	510-748-5300	
\$438,000	1810 Central Ave. #305	2 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4
Property Investment Svcs.	Central Alameda	510-523-1115	Dianne Richmond
\$449,000	1312 Lincoln Avenue	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4
Intero Real Estate Services	925-639-1571	Jim Silver	
\$450,000	1533 Pacific Ave.	1BD/1BA	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Central Alameda	510-748-1148	Pacta Dimacali
\$475,000	2137 Otis Drive #209	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-919-5485	John Bergman	
\$485,000	412 Centre Court	1 BD/1 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4802	Rich Krinks
\$495,000	1816 Chestnut	1BD/1BA	Sat 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-523-0746	Mindy Hart	
\$498,000	1033 Verdemar Dr	3 BD/1.5 BA	Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4884	Izabella Lipetski
\$505,000	3120 La Cresta	3 BD/1.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4710	Walt Jacobs
\$514,000	2817 Birdsell Ave	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Coldwell Banker	510-847-9757	Katie Macks	
\$519,000	3351 Solomon Ln.	3 BD/1.5 BA	Sat 2:30-4:30/Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4846/814-4819	Janice Payne/N & C Bianchi	
\$525,000	3152 Fir Ave.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4848	Ringo Liu
\$525,000	909 Centennial Avenue	2BD/1BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-919-6169	Pat Colburn	
\$539,000	1351 Mound Street	1BD/1BA	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-523-0746	Mindy Hart	
\$548,000	1147 Verdemar Dr	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4874	Mark Playsted
\$549,000	1030 Melrose Ave.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4815	Ninabelle Zamora
\$549,000	2253 Clinton Ave.	1+BD/1 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Preferred Properties of Ca	Central	510-407-0175	Anne DeBardeleben
\$550,000	1001 Tahiti Ln.	2 BD/2 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4865/814-4846	Lena Sazo/Janice Payne	
\$550,000	2809 San Jose Avenue	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	East End	510-912-5055	Ruth Masonok
\$555,000	339 Broadway #218	2 BD/2 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Alameda Realty	510-508-7959	Carol Burnett	
\$559,000	901 San Antonio Ave	2BD/1BA	Open Sat/Sun 1-4
Dennis Bader	Gold Coast	510-735-5717	Broker
\$560,000	3444 Capella Ln.	2 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4821	Elaine Millin
\$565,000	212 Centre Ct.	2 BD/2.5 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-865-8564/919-3204	Lillian Silva/Dede Cunningham	
\$569,000	918 Walnut Street	2BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-865-8688	Marilyn Oliver	
\$574,500	991 Park Street	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4:30
Bayside Real Estate	510-388-3399	Billy Ho	
\$579,000	1128 Peach St.	2 BD/1 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	510-504-5091/504-5089	Barbara Bolton/Bill Douglas	
\$579,000	1164 Island Drive	4 BD/2.5 BA	Sat 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4819/814-4847	Nancy & Chuck Bianchi	
\$579,000	238 Barnister Ct.	2 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4824	Darin Vinal
\$595,000	1083 Independence Drive	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-435-1756	Youngsook Tiesma	
\$595,000	1175 Regent St.	2BD/1.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	East End	510-748-2020	Susan Kaney
\$595,000	3520 Bowman Court	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-5
Exh Covenant Realty	415-623-7195	Lucia Sanchez	
\$599,000	1042 Jost Lane	4BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Garden Isle	510-748-1165	Darryl & Yolanda Freeman
\$599,000	1107 Central Ave	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Prudential	510-919-1712	Kathleen Wilson	
\$599,000	2829 Brown St.	2BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4:30
Bayside Real Estate	510-847-2638	Phillip Kaake	
\$620,000	2515 Eagle Ave.	2 Units	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	East End	510-814-4711	Judy Jacobs
\$629,000	1015 Begonia Dr.	3 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-914-3003	Steve Sorensen
\$629,000	934 Taylor Avenue	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-523-2314	Sally Rudloff	
\$645,000	1544 9th St.	3 BD/1 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Central Alameda	510-814-4828	Martha Turner
\$650,000	1621 Bay Street	2BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Central Alameda	510-748-1157	Michel Poultier
\$659,000	215 Santa Clara Ave.	4BD/2BA	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-846-1561	Luisa Marin	
\$663,000	1035 Begonia	3BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Bay Farm	510-748-1190	Carole Souza
\$669,000	31 Invincible Ct.	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Marina Village	510-748-1126	Constance Farber
\$672,000	2716 San Jose Avenue	4BD/1BA	Open Sat 1-4
Intero Real Estate Services	925-381-4817	Jeff Pollard	

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\$695,000	428 Shell Gate Rd.	3 BD/2 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	South Shore	510-814-4882	Antoinette Paulino
\$698,500	4 Eclipse Court	3BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Marina Village	510-748-1108	Bill & Griselda Bissett
\$699,000	1310 Court St.	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	East End	510-748-1126	Constance Farber
\$705,000	224 Brighton Court	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey	Sandpiper Cove	510-748-1123	
\$715,000	1144 Rosewood Way	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4
Zip Realty	510-332-5635	Julie Souza	
\$719,000	3252 Encinal Ave.	3 BD/1 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	East End	510-814-4825	Shirley McWilliam
\$729,000	15 Argus Ct.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4847/814-4819	Chuck & Nancy Bianchi
\$729,000	984 Post St.	3 BD/2 BA	Sat 2-4
Alameda Realty	East End	510-681-5249	Carol Knight
\$739,000	3241 Encinal Ave.	3 BD/1.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	East End	510-814-4869	Catherine Bierlwith
\$748,000	106 Carob Ln.	4+BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Preferred Properties of Ca	510-282-8062	Justine Francis	
\$749,000	1142 Peach Street	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-205-4369/510-205-3575	D. Gunderman/A. Raskopf	
\$749,000	3100 Thompson Ave.	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4
Prudential CA Rity	510-337-8670	Eric Lim	
\$749,000	770 & 772 Lincoln Ave.	2 homes 1 lot	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-508-1215	John McNulty	
\$749,500	1715 High St.	3+BD/2BA	Sat 2-5
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Fernside District	510-748-1133	Stephanie Neher
\$749,500	2061 Eagle Ave.	4+BD/2 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Agent, Terry Lufkin	510-523-3328		
\$759,000	169 Purcell Dr.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Alameda Realty	510-697-8383	Peter Caponio	
\$775,000	605 Glenwood Isle	3 BD/2 BA	Sun 11-1
Harbor Bay Realty	South Shore	510-814-4828	Martha Turner
\$795,000	1341 Versailles Ave.	2 Units	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	East End	510-814-4858	Brooke Abbasi
\$799,000	337 Laguna Vista	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4:30
Harbor Bay Realty	East End	510-814-4864/814-4875	Ronald Jones/Deldre Dixon
\$799,000	5 Invincible Court	3BD/3BA	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-531-2274	Wendy Sando	
\$799,000	938 Taylor Ave.	5 BD/2.5 BA	Sat 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Central Alameda	510-814-4863	Tisa Beene
\$799,500	2601 Calhoun Street	4BD/3BA	Sat 1-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	East End	510-748-1171	Steve DiGiulio
\$799,888	1169 Hillery Way	3+BD/2.5 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-919-9233	Carol Martino
\$799,900	1148 Hillery Way	4 BD/2.5 BA	Sat/Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4848/814-4892	Ringo Liu/Eunice Edwards
\$829,000	1188 Regent St.	Two on 1 Lot	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	510-748-1807	Ann Bracci	
\$829,000	31 Cove Rd.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sat 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4847/814-4814	Chuck Bianchi/Connie Hanna	
\$840,000	449 Indian Bay	3BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4:30
Bayside Real Estate	510-387-3790	Colleen McFerrin	
\$849,000	1616 Eguena Vista Ave	4 BD/3.5 BA	Sat 1-4
Alameda Realty	510-910-5204	Vincent San Nicolas	
\$859,000	1 Ferro Court	4BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-910-1443/483-1676	Uli Lirosl & Krystyna Nowak	
\$925,000	1523 Encinal Ave.	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Off Gold Coast	510-301-4004	Jim Nations
\$950,000	3226 Thompson Avenue	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400	Anne Van Dyke	
\$954,000	3104 Gibbons Dr.	4 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4
Alameda Realty	510-333-8897	Eileen Walker	
\$965,000	617 Waterview Isle	3BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	South Shore	510-748-1170	John Selbach
\$1,098,000	2358 Coral Sea St.	4BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-5
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Bayport	510-748-1108	Bill & Griselda Bissett
\$1,195,000	3100 Lincoln Avenue	4BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4
Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-9900	Andrea Gordon	
\$1,250,000	1412 San Jose Ave.	4+BD/4BA	Sun 2-4
Kane & Associates	510-205-4369/510-205-3575	D. Gunderman/A. Raskopf	
\$1,275,000	334 Tideway	2BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Ballena Bay	510-301-4004	Jim Nations
\$1,350,000	908 Lafayette St.	2 Units	Sun 2-4
Harbor Bay Realty	Central Alameda	510-814-4891	George Muhr

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\$529,000	1034 Evelyn Avenue	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4
Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Holly Rose	
\$955,000	1031 Ordway St	3bd/1.5ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Red Oak Realty	510-835-6218	Heldi & Jerry Long	

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\$410,000	2214 A Carleton Street	1+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133	Ruth Frassetto	
\$419,000	1328 4th Street	1+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Alain Pinel Realtors	Live/Work	510-706-2937	Heidi Kearsley
\$479,000	2300 Edwards Street	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4
Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Joan Brumwick	
\$480,000	1233 Oxford St	1bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Coldwell Banker Bartels	510-232-1462	Barbara Urbanic	

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\$499,000	2308 Jefferson Ave	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Red Oak Realty		510-280-2106	
		Jeanne Langsfelder	
\$510,000	2906 Florence St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Malson Nouveau		510-449-9900	
		Hugh Robertson	
\$595,000	2205 McGee Avenue	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-339-0400	
		Tricia Swift	
\$599,000	1317 Parker Street	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4
Coldwell Banker		510-486-1495	
		Stina Charles-Harris	
\$599,000	1419 Parker St.	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.		510-748-1127	
		Dobro Goodale	
\$599,000	3116 Ellis A	3BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30
Lawton Associates		510-613-3799	
		Perry Riani	
\$619,000	2123 Sacramento St.	2 BD/1 BA	Sat & Sun 2-4:30
Bella Vita Properties		415-722-1369	
		Sarah Villareal	
\$625,000	1606 Blake Street	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4
Coldwell Banker		510-486-1495	
		Bobbie Giarratana	
\$629,000	1332 Russell St	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4
Marvin Gardens		510-527-9111	
		Vanessa Timon Smith	
\$649,000	1716 10th Street	2BD/1BA, 1BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4
Coldwell Banker		510-486-1495	
		Holly Rose	
\$649,000	2626 College	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-5
Prudential Claremont		510-645-0211	
		Debra Alder	
\$679,000	913 Channing Way	3 BD/2.5 BA	Sat & Sun 1-5
Prudential CA Realty		510-337-8670	
		Desiray McFall	
\$695,000	1345 Ada St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Red Oak Realty		510-280-2173	
		Amy Robeson	
\$725,000	1251 Delaware Street	3BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-652-2133	
		Karthiga Anandan	
\$749,000	1346 Sacramento	3BD/2BA	Open 2-5
Pacific Union		510-338-1334	
		Vicki Woodhead	
\$749,000	2026 Ninth Street	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-339-0400	
		Michelle Winchester	
\$749,000	3053 Shattuck Ave	4bd/1+ba	Open Sun 2-5
Marvin Gardens R.E.		510-527-2700x36	
		Terry Pedersen	
\$750,000	853 Colusa	3bd/1.5ba	Open Sun 2-4
Berkeley Hills R.E.		510-524-9888x18	
		Maya Trilling	
\$759,000	2125 Marin Ave	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4
Red Oak Realty		510-280-2122	
		Shahin Bayat	
\$789,000	1994 Marin	3+BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Pacific Union Residential		510-338-1385	
		Jeffrey Nieldman	
\$790,000	1151 Grizzly Peak	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Millstein & Assoc.		510-527-8822	
		Gene Millstein	
\$799,000	1128 Amador Ave	3bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Red Oak Realty		510-292-2014	
		Stacey Merryman	
\$799,000	1364 Grizzly Peak Blvd.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Alain Pinel Realtors		510-339-8900	
		Tom Erwin	
\$799,000	1866 Capistrano	2+bd/1+ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Marvin Gardens		510-527-2700x27	
		Ann Arriola Plant	
\$799,000	2604 Grant St.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 1:30-4:30
Prudential California Realty		925-254-0440	
		Keith Miller	
\$849,000	2753 Ashby Pl	3bd/1.5ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Red Oak Realty		510-830-9717	
		Sam Peterson	
\$849,000	505 Colusa Avenue	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-339-0400	
		Tricia Swift	
\$855,000	735 Cragmont	4bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Berkeley Hills R.E.		510-524-9888x19	
		Arlene Baxter	
\$875,000	2598 College Ave	DUPLEX	Open Sun 2-4
Red Oak Realty		510-774-4231	
		Mark Lederer	
\$879,000	2118 McKinley Ave.	5BD/4BA	Open Sat 11-2/Sun 1:30-4:30
Coldwell Banker		510-486-1495	
		Catherine Varnau & Rouhi Akbari	
\$899,500	554 Santa Barbara	2+BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-339-0400	
		Chris Cohn	
\$925,000	1206 Oxford St.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-4
Coldwell Banker		510-486-1495	
		Rita Zwerdling	
\$925,000	180 Tamalpais	4bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Montclair Better Homes		510-339-8400	
		Mary Hanna	
\$975,000	2800 Derby	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Pacific Union		510-338-1336	
		Jack McPhail	
\$1,070,000	12 Hill Road	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Coldwell Banker		510-339-4700	
		Barbara Hardacre	
\$1,125,000	515 Colusa Ave	5+BD/4.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Marvin Gardens R.E.		510-502-1799/559-2519	
		Todd Hodson/Ron Egherman	
\$1,150,000	1828 San Juan	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-652-2133	
		David Hill	
\$1,150,000	87 Soukhamlath Ave	3bd/4bd	Open Sun 2-4
Berkeley Hills		510-577-7571	
Northbrae Properties		Heidi Abramson	
\$1,165,000	73 El Camino Real	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-652-2133	
		Susie Schevill	
\$1,195,000	254 Hillcrest	4+bd/2bd	Open Sun 2-4:30
Prudential Piedmont		510-428-9900	
		Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine	
\$1,295,000	2111 Los Angeles Avenue	4+BD/2+BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-652-2133	
		Judith Ratcliffe	
\$1,475,000	523 Spruce St	4bd/3bd	Open Sun 2-4
Red Oak Realty		510-280-2122	
		Leif Jensen	
\$1,540,000	797 San Diego Rd	5bd/4bd	Open Sun 2-4:30
Indian Rock		415-451-1461	
Marchant Chapman Realty		Jane Manning	
\$1,540,000	797 San Diego Rd	5bd/4bd	Open Sun 2-4:30
Indian Rock		415-451-1461	
Marchant Chapman Realty		Jane Manning	
\$1,695,000	3115 Lewinston Avenue	5BD/3+BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.		510-339-0400	
		Tricia Swift	
\$1,750,000	2141 Eunice Street	4BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-5
Coldwell Banker		510-486-1495	
		Barbara Lutz	

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Oakland			Oakland			Oakland			Richmond						
555 10th St. #403	2 BD/2 BA 510-814-4881 Jena Ng	437 Rich Street Open Sun. 2-5 Temescal 415-451-1460 Marchant Chapman Realty Jane Manning	8117 Skyline Blvd	3bd/2ba Open Sat/Sun. 1-5 Montclair Prudential Claremont	510-339-9301 Laurel Strand	5234 Cochrane	4+BD/2+BA Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Noni & Gary Robinson	\$412,000	607 Commodore Dr.	1 BD/1 BA Open Sun 1-4 Marina Bay First Marlin Realty	415-845-5831 Nat Steinhart			
5627 Morse Dr	2+bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Rosie Nysaether	5837 Scarborough Dr	3+bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Prudential Montclair	510-339-9290 Bill Boze	6141 Rockridge Blvd.	4BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Judy Ackerman	\$1,575,000	875 Portal Avenue	5BD/4BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Anlan Pettit Tunney	\$419,500	425 S. 27th	2bd/1ba Open Sun. 1-4 Security Pacific	510-290-8895 Jerome Leonard Sr
650 W. MacArthur	4+bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Gayle Smith	3666 Redwood Road	3BD/2.5BA Open 1-5 Redwood Heights Pacific Union Residential	510-378-8700 Dwight McCan	1023 Winsor	2bd/2ba Open Sun. 1-4 Lakeshore Prudential	510-845-0211 Harrington/Normart	\$1,610,000	6550 Castle Drive	3BD/3.5BA Open Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-899-8000 Kelly Deal	\$459,000	877 33rd St	2bd/1ba Sun 2-5 No. & East Marvin Gardens	510-527-9111 Maggie Resnick
7411 Lockwood Street	Duplex 510-253-6931 Judy Swaby	241 Capricorn Ave	3BD/3BA Open Sun 2-5 Montclair Prudential California Realty	510-569-7300 Adam Watts	4959 Stoneridge	5BD/4.5BA Open 2-4:30 Oakland Hills Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1363 Leslie Easterday	\$1,716,000	4715 Park Blvd.	4-PLEX Open Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900 Lois Johnson	\$465,000	3259 Lowell Ave	3bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 No. & East Keller Williams	510-695-7699 Dave Higgins
7517 Berlin Way	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 James Brown	452 McAuley St	2bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4 Red Oak Realty	510-280-2126 Leif Jenssen	5769 Scarborough Drive	3BD/2BA Open Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-899-8000 Steven Stratton	\$1,749,000	5744 Presley Way	4+BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 George Karsant	\$465,000	6104 Plumas Ave	3bd/1ba Sun 1-4 Annex Marvin Gardens	510-527-9111 LaReva Myles
201 4th Street #412	2BD/1.5BA 510-338-1304 Dan Joy	2411 Burlington St	2+bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-5 Keller Williams	510-776-3105 Ismail Abdullah	578 Mira Vista Avenue	4+BD/2+BA Open 2-4:30 Grand Lake Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1374 Donna DeBardi	\$1,999,999	914 Aquarius Way	4 BD/3.5 BA Sun 2-5 Montclair McGuire Real Estate	510-303-2253 Dan Wexler	\$484,950	775-39th St	2+bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4 Coldwell Banker Bartels	510-237-0372 Franca Tallerico
4061 Brown Avenue	2BD/1BA 510-899-8000 Carolyn Devol	3001 Wisconsin	3BD/1.25BA Open 2-4:30 Laurel Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1382 Keith Tollas	5977 Harbord	4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1317 Kathy Flynn	\$2,050,000	1580 Grand View	4BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakland/Berk. Hills Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1318 Dee Knowland	\$499,000	3111 Henderson Dr	3bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Hilltop Prudential Piedmont	510-428-0900 Roberta Abel
7532 Outlook Ave.	2 BD/1 BA 510-337-8670 Lillian Lao	3873 Fruitvale Avenue	3BD/2.5BA Open/Sat/Sun 2-4:30 OakmoreBorder Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Julie Joyce	6875 The Turn	2+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Matthew W. Heafey	\$2,100,000	6611 Elverton Drive	4+BD/4.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Moya Robinson	\$509,000	600 Amador Ave	3bd/1ba Open Sun 2-4 Richmond View Marvin Gardens	510-527-9111 Joan Underwood
3718 Columbian Dr.	2BD/1BA 510-748-1121 Angela McIntyre	4115 Maple Avenue	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-5 Lincoln Heights Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Rachel Baier	6230 Viewcrest	3BD/2.5BA Open 2-4:30 Ridgmont Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1130 Kobyn Mohr	\$2,348,000	7111 Norfolk Rd.	4+BD/4+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Hills Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1348 Fritz Hochfellner	\$509,000	800 35th St	3bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4 No. & East Prudential Berkeley	510-868-1575 Jake McTigue
376 Orange St. # Unit 3	2 BD/1 BA 510-523-1115 Victor Jin, CRB	4178 Shafter Ave	2+bd/1ba Open 2-4:30 Temescal Keller Williams	510-299-5709/773-4614 Judy Richardson/Carolyn H.	4200 Dunsmlur Ave	3+bd/2ba Open 2-4:30 Oakland Hills Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	\$3,500,000	6550 Swainland Road	5BD/4.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133 Bebe McRae	\$524,900	700-25th St	DUPLEX Open Sun. 2-4 Coldwell Banker Bartels	510-334-5476 Christopher Casimere
5121 Madera Avenue	3BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x228 Kate Phillips	6956 Saroni Drive	2BD/1BA Open Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-899-8000 Hal Castle	6206 Viewcrest	4BD/3BA Open 2-4:30 Ridgmont Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1303 Wendy Ferrari	\$3,995,000	4615 Rockingham Ct.	6+BD/6+BA Open 2-4:30 Ridgmont Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1331 David Ichikawa	\$529,000	2729 Grant Ave	3bd/1.5ba Sun 2-4:30 No. & East Berkeley Hills Realty	510-524-9884-54 Sandy
460 38th Street #A	2BD/2BA 510-338-1385 Jeffrey Neldeman	4548 Fieldbrook Rd	4bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Redwood Heights Prudential Claremont	510-846-0211 Carmen Grim	7290 Woodrow	3+BD/2.5BA Open 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1355 Donna Costella	\$4,600,000	2 Lincolnshire	5+BD/4+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Pines Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Dian Hymer	\$547,900	1287 Parkway Dr	3bd/2ba Open Sun. 1-4 Keller Williams	510-914-0658 John Cashman
6846 Saroni Dr	1+bd/1ba 510-339-8301 Laurel Strand	161 Beaufort Drive	3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Katherine Cooper	1014 60th St	510-280-2105 Red Oak Realty	Sara Garabedian	\$599,000	18 Dall Court	5BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Briarwood Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Tiffany Stechschulte	\$584,000	601-37th St	3bd/2ba Open Sun. 1-4 North & East Security Pacific	510-662-8480 Michael J
2944 58th Ave	3bd/2ba 510-299-3097 Jimmy Halloran	3965 Turney Avenue	3+BD/2+BA Open Sun 2-5 Sequoyah Hts. Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Donna Conroy	4355 Harbord Dr	3+BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Upper Rockridge Security Pacific R.E.	925-974-7647 Marianne Clark	\$979,000	5343 Broadway	4BD/4BA Open Sun 2-5 Rockridge Coldwell Banker	415-846-1899 Frank Castaldini	\$599,900	4059 Mozart Dr	4bd/3ba Open Sun. 1-4 Coldwell Banker Bartels	510-691-1222 Sam Cheng
3315 Magnolia St	2bd/2ba 510-813-3406 Robert Hickey	4797 Geranium Place	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900 Andrea Gordon	5343 Broadway	4BD/4BA Open Sat & Sun 2-5 Rockridge Coldwell Banker	415-846-1899 Frank Castaldini	\$979,000	5343 Broadway	4BD/4BA Open Sat & Sun 2-5 Rockridge Coldwell Banker	415-846-1899 Frank Castaldini	\$1,775,000	11 Rita Way	5BD/4+BA Open Sun 1-4 Centoni RE	925-570-8236 Debbie Hart
143 Samaria Lane	2BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Steve Michaelides	1381 Holman Rd	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1364 Dolores Thom	7777 Skyline Blvd	4+bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400 Nahid Nassiri	\$979,000	5901 Caloden Lane	4+BD/4BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Durant Park Highlands Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Marlena S. Lyons	\$399,500	365 Somerset Rd.	2BD/1BA Open 2-5 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-541-2596 William Ottmann
3521 Pierson St.	2+BD/2BA 925-683-3488 Marty Baum	3396 Herrier Street	3BD/1+BA Open Sun 1-5 Redwood Heights Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1352 Diane E. McCan	9901 Caloden Lane	4+BD/4BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Durant Park Highlands Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Marlena S. Lyons	\$409,500	367 Somerset Rd.	2BD/1BA Open 2-5 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-541-2596 William Ottmann	\$749,500	5 Harborview	3+BD/3BA Open Sun 1:30-4 Marina Bay Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495 Gregg Lustig
3932 Loma Vista Avenue	3BD/2BA 510-893-7700 Sarah Arnold	3529 Jordan Rd	2+bd/1.5ba Open Sun. 2-5 Redwood Heights Prudential Claremont	510-986-9453 Natalie Cutler	1061 Hubert Road	3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Carol Brown	\$889,000	1024 Harvard Rd	3bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-5 Prudential Montclair	510-339-9290 Leah Towner	\$899,000	243 Tanglewood	4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-5 Wells & Bennett Realtors	510-531-7000 x261 Nicolette Bon
201 Fourth St. Loft 508	2 BD/2 BA 510-522-4449 Keliko McDonald	255 Lee Street Penthouse #4	3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Adams Point Wells & Bennett Realtors	510-531-7000 K. P. Kennedy/P. Buhler	6133 Ridgmont	3BD/2BA Open 2-4:30 Ridgmont Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1318 Dee Knowland	\$889,000	1609 Grand Ave	3BD/2BA Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1312/1332 M. Holstlaw/J. Strauch	\$1,145,000	1334 Mallard Drive	3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900 Gayle Langston
401 Maybelle Ave.	3BD/1BA 510-301-4963 Laurel	1145 Glencourt	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-5 Montclair Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1307 Jeffrey Himmel	1045 Real Estate Services	Janette Licata		\$995,000	265 Scenic Avenue	3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Carol Brown	\$365,000	2077 Washington #104	2BD/2BA Sun 2-4 Bayside Real Estate	510-621-1687/520-5465 Quinn Stone/I. Campos-Davis
1371 Holman Rd	2BD/1BA 510-338-1364 Dolores Thom	3800 Harrison Street	3+BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Piedmont Avenue Coldwell Banker	510-339-1584 Holly Rose	6247 Ridgmont	3BD/2.5BA Open 2-4:30 Ridgmont Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1354 Jennie A. Flanigan	\$1,195,000	1816 Trestle Glen	3+bd/2+ba Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Piedmont	510-338-1332/1332 M. Holstlaw/J. Strauch	\$395,000	1400 Carpenter St. 217	2 BD/1.5 BA Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4865 Lena Szabo
2208 Ransom Avenue	Duplex 510-339-8900 JC & Heather Gonzalez	4401 Davenport	3+BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Heights Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Christine Barker	6247 Ridgmont	3BD/2.5BA Open 2-4:30 Ridgmont Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1354 Jennie A. Flanigan	\$1,270,000	10 Dormidera Avenue	3+BD/2+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-338-1332/1332 M. Holstlaw/J. Strauch	\$415,000	14031 Reed Ave.	2 BD/2.5 BA Sun 1:30-4 Alameda Realty	510-508-2004 Jim Mangiapane
451 Fleming Avenue	4BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Dana Cohen	6266 Merced Avenue	4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-5 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 D. Diamantine & K. Lum	7777 Skyline Blvd	4+bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400 Nahid Nassiri	\$1,299,000	43 Cambridge Way	3BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Matthew W. Heafey	\$449,000	2523 Galleon Pl 125	2 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4854 Donn Gutierrez
4210 Market Street	3BD/1.5BA 510-339-4700 James Brown	1240 Bates Rd	3bd/2ba Sun. 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands Prudential Montclair	510-339-9290 Mary Dresser	1300 Mountain Boulevard	4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133 Carolyn Jones	\$1,495,000	60 Hazel Lane	3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Debbi DiMaggio	\$450,000	1400 Carpenter Street	2BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900 Judy Dworak
3808 Pleasant Valley Ave	2bd/1ba 510-339-8400 Jack Brennehan	65 Montwood	4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495 Jerry Ratch	1061 Hubert Road	3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Anthony Riggins	\$1,299,000	114 Alta Avenue	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Angela Wei Grubb	\$519,000	1963 San Rafael	2bd/1.5ba Sun. 2-5 Assumption Parish Prudential Montclair	510-339-9290 Michael Stephens
3105 Middleton	2bd/1.5ba 510-339-8400 Nahid Nassiri	5573 Merriewood Drive	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Peter Nicolopoulos	1300 Mountain Boulevard	4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133 Carolyn Jones	\$1,495,000	60 Hazel Lane	3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Debbi DiMaggio	\$549,000	2225 Strang Avenue	4BD/1BA Sun 1-4:30 Kane & Associates	510-610-5009 Sally Han
4154 Lincoln	2+BD/1+BA 510-339-4700 Rachel Baier	280 41st St	3bd/2+ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Piedmont Ave College Avenue Realty	510-919-2212 Steve Dopkin	1054 Sunnyside Hills Road	3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Anthony Riggins	\$1,270,000	10 Dormidera Avenue	3+BD/2+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-338-1332/1332 M. Holstlaw/J. Strauch	\$635,000	747 Victoria Ave.	3 BD/2 BA Sat & Sun 1-4 Watkins Real Estate	510-278-2121
435 Van Dyke	3BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Michael Friedman	1940 Gouldin Road	5BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900 Helen Nicholas	5923 Rockie Way	4BD/2.5BA Open 2-4:30 Montclair Lawton Associates	510-813-3799 Perry Riani	\$1,299,000	114 Alta Avenue	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Angela Wei Grubb	\$642,000	963 Helen Avenue	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Broadmoor Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Preston Grant
4366 Albert Street	2BD/1.5BA 510-531-7000 x292 Carol Robbiano	2336 Pelham Place	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900 Tom Erwin	1300 Mountain Boulevard	4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133 Carolyn Jones	\$1,495,000	60 Hazel Lane	3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Debbi DiMaggio	\$699,000	561 Joaquin Avenue	3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Estudillo Estates Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Karyn Selby Miller
1666 Pleasant Valley	2bd/1ba 510-731-0154 Phil Fair	553-555 37th St	DUPLEX Open Sun 2-4 Prudential Grand Lake	510-220-9098 Karron Martin	20 Schooner Hill	3BD/2+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Hiller Highlands The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Elizabeth Dickson	\$1,725,000	330 San Carlos Avenue	4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Nancy Lehrkind	\$788,000	1605 Orchard Ave.	6 BD/3 BA Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4872/814-4868 Ginger & Erik Schuler
3539 Boston	3BD/2BA 510-338-1373 Nancy Noman	6552 Pine Needle Dr	510-339-4700 Millsite & Assoc.	510-334-4235 Vivian Fendel	6240 Acacia Avenue	4BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-5 Rockridge Wells & Bennett Realtors	510-531-7000 x235 Beth Deatley	\$2,650,000	220 Saint James Drive	4BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Karen Starr	\$899,000	963 Helen Avenue	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Broadmoor Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Preston Grant
1478 Excelsior	3bd/1ba 510-326-4557 Malika Hopkinson	3121 Jordan Road	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Heights Pacific Union Residential	510-338-1366 Joanna Hirsch	3875 Lakeshore	5bd/3.5ba Open Sun 2-5 Upper Rockridge Prudential Piedmont	510-339-4700 Scott Thompson	\$3,000,000	55 Cambrlan Ave	6bd/5ba Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	510-339-9290 George Millirons	\$599,000	561 Joaquin Avenue	3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 Estudillo Estates Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Karyn Selby Miller
201 4th Street #411	2BD/2BA 510-338-1304 Dan Joy	4071 Oakmore Rd	3bd/2.5ba Open Sun. 2-5 Oakmore Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400 Regina Jacobs	6375 Longcroft Drive	4BD/4.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 David Eckert	\$3,850,000	50 Selborne Drive	5BD/5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Karen Starr	\$788,000	1605 Orchard Ave.	6 BD/3 BA Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4872/814-4868 Ginger & Erik Schuler
225 29th St	2bd/1ba 510-339-8400 Nahid Nassiri	6529 Liggett Drive	2+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400 Debra Dryden	5620 Balboa Dr	4bd/3ba Open Sun. 1-5 Montclair Prudential Claremont	510-339-8301 Laurel Strand	\$817,000	2870 Goularte Drive	4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900 Nick Lavrov	\$899,000	1276 View Dr	3+bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8900 Jim Schubert
3301 Wisconsin St.	3 BD/1 BA 510-814-4885 Jeff Goodman	1950 Oakview Dr	3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakmore Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Judy Ackerman	6555 Shepherd Canyon Rd	4+BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Julie Joyce	Pleasant Hill				\$619,000	221 Hillcrest Circle	3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	510-531-7000 x270 Antoine Pirson
4751 Fair Avenue	2BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x235 Frank Hennefer	7602 Surrey Lane	4bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-5 Oakland Hills Prudential Montclair	510-339-9290 Myrtice Wong	6133 Fairlane Drive	4+BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Joan Duffield	\$899,000	105 Pleasant View Drive	3BD/3BA Open Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	510-899-8000 Sarah Schisler	\$549,000	715 Bockman	3BD/2BA Sat 1-4 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	510-748-2002 Roberta Ross-Lopez
553 48th Street	3+BD/2.5BA 510-701-3700 Tom Anthony	6802 Gunn Dr.	4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-5 Montclair Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700 Donna Conroy	970 Alvarado Road	3BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Hills The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133 Ruth Frassetto	\$1,395,000	1756 Manzanita Dr	4bd/3+ba Open Sun. 2-5 Montclair Prudential Montclair	510-339-9290 Leah Towner	\$1,495,000	518 Grandview Court	3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495 Nancy Copeland
311 Oak St. #512	2+BD/2 BA 510-507-3334 Therese Herget	1601 Arrowhead Drive	3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union GMAC	510-338-1319 Ann Nichols	1756 Manzanita Dr	4bd/3+ba Open Sun.									

## Sales

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6458 Regent St - \$725,000  
 174 Sequoyah View - \$610,000  
 5816 Shattuck Av - \$575,000  
 8140 Surrey Ln - \$827,000  
 9879 Thermal St - \$510,000  
 6217 Thornhill Dr - \$687,000  
 2807 Vallecito Pl - \$331,000  
 85 Vernon St 116 - \$362,000  
 779 West Grand Av - \$540,000  
 237 Wistar - \$550,000  
 4807 Ygnacio Av - \$490,000  
 4836 Ygnacio Av - \$400,000

## PIEDMONT

142 Arbor Dr - \$1,300,000  
 250 Estates Dr - \$1,114,000  
 58 Lakeview Av - \$1,747,500  
 1025 Oakland Av - \$990,000  
 33 Piedmont Ct - \$1,700,000  
 40 Prospect - \$1,230,000  
 1150 Winsor Av - \$1,125,000

## RICHMOND

1616 26th St - \$385,000  
 604 29th St - \$425,000  
 624 29th St - \$432,000  
 104 2nd St - \$430,000  
 921 34th St - \$540,000  
 246 3 St - \$439,000  
 1650 5th St - \$375,500  
 587 9th St - \$400,000  
 126 Bayside Ct - \$293,000  
 167 Bayside Ct - \$399,000  
 2911 Bonds Ln - \$420,000  
 1724 Burbeck Av - \$640,000  
 2913 Canterbury - \$554,500  
 911 Chanslor Av - \$725,000  
 213 Commodore - \$484,500  
 2824 Cutting Bl - \$430,000  
 3112 Deseret Dr - \$620,000  
 100 Eddy St 305 - \$512,500  
 2816 Hilltop Mall - \$572,000  
 2822 Hilltop Mall - \$558,000  
 2832 Hilltop Mall - \$569,500  
 1605 Hoffman Bl - \$599,000  
 3232 Humphrey Av - \$474,500  
 2637 Lincoln Av - \$397,000  
 226 Marina Lakes Dr - \$360,000  
 418 Marina Wy - \$249,000  
 3305 McBryde Av - \$399,000  
 1080 McLaughlin St - \$505,000  
 3039 Moran Av - \$562,000  
 3332 Park Ridge Dr - \$825,000  
 6729 Richmond Av - \$585,000  
 69 Seagull Dr - \$689,000  
 83 Shoreline Ct - \$453,000  
 301 S. 15th St - \$470,000  
 1345 S. 58th St - \$460,000  
 131 S. Harbour - \$525,000  
 1021 Summer Ln - \$539,500  
 1430 Summer Ln - \$516,000  
 1510 Summer Ln - \$560,000  
 1520 Summer Ln - \$564,000  
 1530 Summer Ln - \$506,000  
 1550 Summer Ln - \$549,500  
 1650 Summer Ln - \$578,000  
 211 Summer Ln - \$581,000  
 421 Summer Ln - \$591,000  
 521 Summer Ln - \$632,500  
 920 Summer Ln - \$500,000  
 220 Tanglewood - \$1,005,500  
 1854 Truman St - \$450,000  
 640 Ventura St - \$505,000  
 5660 Vista Dr - \$770,000

## By the numbers

**TOTAL SALES:** 21  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$350,500  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$1,499,000  
**MEDIAN PRICE:** \$680,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$737,357

**TOTAL SALES:** 2  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$422,000  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$550,000  
**MEDIAN PRICE:** \$0  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$486,000

**TOTAL SALES:** 15  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$275,000  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$1,540,000  
**MEDIAN PRICE:** \$765,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$773,967

**TOTAL SALES:** 5  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$525,500  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$850,000  
**MEDIAN PRICE:** \$630,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$681,900

**TOTAL SALES:** 6  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$300,000  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$635,000  
**MEDIAN PRICE:** \$510,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$457,167

**TOTAL SALES:** 5  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$261,000  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$675,000  
**MEDIAN PRICE:** \$420,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$440,000

**TOTAL SALES:** 2  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$823,000  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$1,000,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$911,500

**TOTAL SALES:** 77  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$120,000  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$2,350,000  
**MEDIAN PRICE:** \$530,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$607,578

**TOTAL SALES:** 7  
**LOWEST PRICE:** \$990,000  
**HIGHEST PRICE:** \$1,747,500  
**MEDIAN PRICE:** \$1,230,000  
**AVERAGE PRICE:** \$1,315,214

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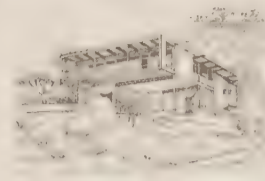
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# SPORTS

• Friday, October 27, 2006 •

Section C

## Around the horn

### High national finish

■ An Albany men's tennis team finished second at the USTA League 3.5 Senior National Championships held in Indian Wells. Albany lost to a team from Roseville, Ga., 2-1 in the championship match and won by the same score in the semifinals against a team from Wenatchee, Wash. The Albany team is captained by Larry Tannahill and team members include Jim Barringham, Mike Chino, Sam Chow, Todd Sora, Barry Jarvis, Raymond Jeung, Al Pierce, Tom Richardson, Bernie Rocco, David Souza, Michael Shono and Edward Yee.

— Phil Jensen

### Ala-Gators/Barracudas to hold swimming meet

■ The Alameda Ala-Gators and Oakland Barracudas swimming meet will co-sponsor a dual-venue meet at Oakland and El Cerrito on Oct. 28-29. Go to [www.jacswim.org](http://www.jacswim.org) and click on "Meet Updates." Call 510-337-1137 for details.

— Mike McGreehan

### Realignment proposed

■ The North Coast Section's Bay Shore Conference held a meeting Monday at Piedmont High School to discuss possible realignment, which would take effect starting with the 2008-09 school year. Encinal High School principal Bill Sonnenman said recommendations from that meeting proposed moving Alameda High from the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League to the Hayward Area Athletic League and Encinal from the ACCAL to the Bay Shore Athletic League. A final decision will be made in January, Sonnenman said. Under this recommendation, Alameda High and Encinal would retain their longtime rivalry only in intraleague play. The Jets, however, would gain a new league rival in St. Joseph Notre Dame in all sports but football. Member leagues of the Bay Shore Conference are the ACCAL, BSAL, HAAL and Mission Valley Athletic League.

— Mike McGreehan

### Island golfers qualify for NCS tournament

■ Alameda High School junior Emily Childs shot a 70 on Monday to win the Bay Shore Athletic League girls golf title at Lake Chabot Golf Course. With the win, Childs—a transfer from Bishop O'Dowd—advanced to the North Coast Section championship on Oct. 30 at Cedar Ridge Country Club in Brentwood. The shot-gun start is at 8 a.m. Also qualifying for NCS were Alameda resident Mia Kabasakalis of the College Preparatory School, Albany's Joy Kim, Alameda High's Anna Cruz and Alex Killingsworth of St. Mary's. Kabasakalis and Kim tied for second behind Childs with identical 79s. Cruz finished at 89 and Killingsworth at 92. All five qualified as individuals. Alameda and College Prep don't have girls golf in their leagues. Albany did not compete as a team in the BSAL round-robin season, so it had at-large status in the BSAL tournament, BSAL commissioner Phil Freeman explained. Paced by a round of 84 from Lauren Glass, Piedmont won the team title with a score of 448. The Highlanders had already clinched the BSAL title and earned the league's automatic team berth into the NCS championships by winning the round-robin season, Piedmont coach Tommy Scales said.

— Phil Jensen and Mike McGreehan

### On deck

■ Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League tournament, water polo, championship matches at Berkeley High School, Oct. 28 — The girls championship game is slated to start at 3 p.m., followed by the boys championship game at 4 p.m. Piedmont's girls team is the early favorite to win the title after beating Bishop O'Dowd in their one meeting this season. Bishop O'Dowd won both the boys and girls championship titles last season.

■ Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championships, De Anza High School, girls singles and doubles tennis, Oct. 30, noon; Oct. 31, 2 p.m. — Although Berkeley High beat the Alameda for the regular-season team title, the Hornets are still up for a repeat of last year's singles and doubles sweep in the postseason. Alameda's Jennifer Lau will try for her fourth consecutive league singles title.

■ BSAL championship at Harbor Bay Club, Alameda, girls tennis, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, noon and 10 a.m., respectively — Albany, Piedmont, Salesian, St. Joseph, Notre Dame and St. Mary's will be competing in the singles and doubles tournament. Last year, Piedmont's Mary Ann Kao beat St. Patrick-St. Vincent's Kristie Biascan 6-1, 6-4 to win the singles title. The Highlanders' also won the doubles title with Olivia Stutz and Gabby Yao-Cohen beating Salesian's Sally Baker and Alex Corvin 6-1, 7-5.

■ BSAL championships, cross country, Nov. 2 at Club Cove, Alameda, 2 p.m. — Piedmont's boys team and Albany's girls team will attempt to defend their team titles.

### Stars of the week

■ Dwayne Adams, Berkeley football — As a running back, Adams rushed for 91 yards on nine carries and scored on a 35-yard run. As a linebacker, he had two sacks in a 49-0 victory over De Anza.

■ Joy Kim, Albany girls golf — Kim finished tied for second as an individual at the BSAL championships and qualified for the NCS tournament. The sophomore shot a round of 8-over 79 at Lake Chabot Golf Course.

■ Alex Killingsworth, St. Mary's girls golf — Killingsworth qualified as an individual for the North Coast Section championship with a score of 21-over 79 at the BSAL championships at Lake Chabot Golf Course. She is the first freshman in St. Mary's history to qualify for the NCS girls championship, according to St. Mary's coach Jennifer Manfredi.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

EL CERRITO'S Marvin Shepherd finds lots of running room against Encinal. He gained 77 yards on six carries in the Gauchos' 65-14 victory.

# Showdown day in ACCAL

## Undefeated El Cerrito, Pinole Valley battle tonight

### THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

#### ACCAL

■ El Cerrito (6-0-1, 4-0 ACCAL) at Pinole Valley (7-0, 4-0), 7 p.m. tonight

Last week: El Cerrito beat Encinal 65-14, Pinole Valley beat Richmond 41-0

Notes: Five players scored in the Gauchos win over Encinal. RB Deonte Purvis led the Spartans against the Oilers, rushing for 100 yards and a touchdown on just five carries.

■ Berkeley (3-4, 3-1 ACCAL) at Encinal (2-5, 2-2), 7 p.m. tonight

Last week: Berkeley beat De Anza 49-0, Encinal lost to El Cerrito 65-14.

Notes: The Yellow Jackets stuffed De Anza for minus-66 yards rushing. The Jets fumbled seven times last week, but they lost only two of them.

#### BSAL

■ St. Patrick-St. Vincent (5-2, 2-0 BSAL) at Albany (2-5, 0-2), 3:30 p.m. today

■ Last week: St. Patrick-St. Vincent beat Kennedy 48-26, Albany lost to Piedmont 28-8

Notes: The Bruins' Jason Garcia has rushed for more than 200 yards in three straight games. His latest effort included 209 yards and a touchdown against Kennedy. Eric Roberson has scored at least one touchdown in all of the Cougars' games this season, including a 38-yard reception for a score against Piedmont. Roberson has reached the end zone six times on rushes, twice on receptions, and twice on punt returns this season.

■ Kennedy (0-7, 0-2 BSAL) at St. Mary's (3-4, 0-2) 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Last Week: St. Mary's lost to John Swett 68-28; Kennedy lost to St. Patrick-St. Vincent 48-26

Notes: The Eagles' defense has allowed 40-plus points in four games this season, including their first two BSAL games. The Panthers were balanced offensively in its loss last week, but they were burned defensively, allowing 437 rushing yards including four touchdown runs of 50-plus yards.

By Kelli Phillips

STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito High School's football team had plenty of offense Friday night, but Gauchos coach George Austin was most impressed with its defense in a 65-14 win over visiting Encinal.

The Gauchos (6-0-1, 4-0 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) dominated the field on both sides of the ball, scoring on each of their nine possessions and holding the Jets (2-5, 2-2) scoreless in three of the four quarters.

"We played defense finally," Austin said. "That's really the key, we know what to do on offense. (Assistant) coach Steve Werren had a game plan tonight and it worked."

The victory sets up an ACCAL showdown tonight between the visiting Gauchos and Pinole Valley. Both teams are undefeated in league play. The kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

After pushing the score to 52-14 in the first half Friday, El Cerrito came back thirsty for more. The Gauchos' defensive line held tight on the Jets' first possession of the second half, forcing them to turn the ball over on downs at El Cerrito's 5-yard line.

A six-play drive ended with running back Marvin Shepherd scoring on a 15-yard run with 4:47 left in the third.

The Gauchos went on to recover a Jets fumble on the next possession and carry their drive into the fourth quarter. The 11-play drive was capped by a 2-yard touchdown run by running back Dominic Hogan, bringing the Gauchos' total to 65 with just over 7 minutes left in the game.

El Cerrito showed off its offensive arsenal in the first half, including four touchdowns in the first quarter, for a 52-14 lead.

The Gauchos found the end zone early with a 14-yard run by Don Miguel Tutass with 9:39 left in the first quarter, followed by Michael Hicks' 3-yard touchdown run about three minutes later.

Hicks scored later on an 80-yard punt return as the clock ran out in the first quarter.

Tutass threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Chris Moncrease and ran the ball into the end zone two more times. Eric McDaniel also found the end zone on a 15-yard run with 17 seconds left in the second quarter.

The Jets suffered early with five fumbles and seven penalties in the first half.

**Berkeley 49, De Anza 0:** Homecoming proved sweet for the Yellow Jackets as they shut out

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SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

ALBANY'S Ari Colby Dorman pitches out during the Cougars' 28-8 loss to Piedmont.

# Albany, St. Mary's stars make NCS golf

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

### ROUNDUP

With solid performances at the Bay Shore Athletic League girls golf tournament on Monday, Albany High School's Joy Kim and St. Mary's Alex Killingsworth both qualified as individuals for Monday's North Coast Section championship.

Kim finished tied for second among individuals with a score of 8-over 79 at Lake Chabot Golf Course in Oakland. She shot 40 on the front nine, including a birdie on No. 1, and 39 on the back nine.

Killingsworth shot 46 on both the front nine and back nine. She became

the first freshman in St. Mary's history to qualify for the NCS girls championship. St. Mary's coach Jennifer Manfredi said.

Piedmont won the team title with a score of 488. St. Mary's finished second as a team (543). Albany did not have a full team participate in the tournament. Alameda's Emily Childs was the individual medalist with a score of 70.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Albany d. St. Patrick-St. Vincent:** The host Cougars (18-6, 10-1 BSAL

at press time) lengthened their league lead to 1½ games with a 25-22, 25-27, 25-16, 25-20 victory over the Bruins on Tuesday. Jana Poole had 22 kills and 10 digs, and teammate Nicky Hagan added eight kills and seven digs. St. Patrick-St. Vincent fell to 8-2 in league play.

**Berkeley d. El Cerrito:** The Yellow Jackets remain solidly in first place in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, as they swept the host Gauchos 25-10, 25-12, 25-13 on Tuesday. Katie Cuan passed for 26 assists, and teammate Kelly Leggoe had 11 kills and seven aces for the Yellow Jackets (15-9, 9-0 ACCAL).

**St. Mary's d. Holy Names:** Tarah Murray pounded 17 kills, and Sarah Brakovich passed for 27 assists as the host Panthers (14-6, 8-2 BSAL) defeated the Monarchs 25-19, 25-14, 25-9 on Oct. 19.

### GIRLS TENNIS

**St. Mary's 5, Albany 2:** The Panthers' Christyn Richardson defeated Albany's Elena Pan 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 1 singles match to help the visiting Panthers defeat the Cougars on Tuesday.

**Berkeley 7, El Cerrito 0:** The visiting Yellow Jackets won six of the seven matches in straight sets on Tuesday. Ashley Duong defeated Lauren Kane 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 1 singles match.

FISHING REPORT

**PACIFIC OCEAN**  
Robert Galia of the El Dorado said salmon fishing along the Marin County coast continues to be spotty, as a few private boaters have been reporting only a few big salmon for an entire day's effort. The salmon are biting on the large herring. Tuna made a flash appearance on Monday as the New Easy Ryder scored a few around the Pioneer Canyon. They ranged between 12 and 25 pounds.

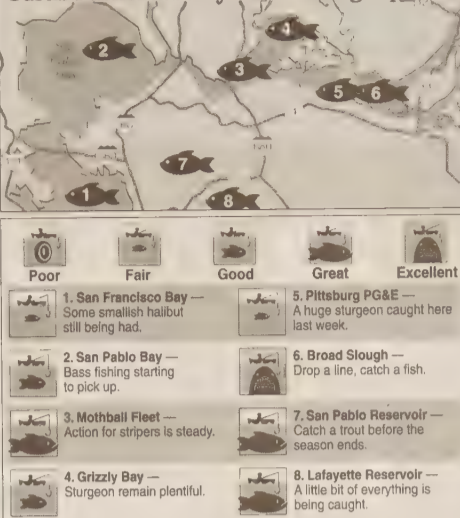
Diana Nunez of www.berkeleymarinasportfishing.com reported that Capt. Jim Smith of the Happy Hooker had a successful day of rock cod fishing along the Marin coast, where 10 anglers caught rock cod limits and six ling cod up to 14 pounds. Smith said he will begin sturgeon and bass fishing aboard the Happy Hooker on Nov. 1 where he will be running trips from the Martinez Marina.

Captain Quang Vo of the Golden Eye 2000 continues his successful rock codding cod trips to the Farallons. From Thursday to Sunday, they caught limits of rock cod each day and a combined 164 ling cod up to 20 pounds. Captain Trung Vo of the New Golden Eye caught 56 limits of rock cod and 92 ling cod up to 25 pounds along the Farallons.

Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing also said rockfishing at the Farallons Islands remains excellent. On Sunday out of Emeryville, five boats reported in with limits of rock fish for their combined 103 anglers aboard, also adding 169 ling cod to 20 pounds using shrimp fly jigs, bars, rubber and live bait. Boats have been working up to 180 feet. Rockfish and dungeness crab combo trips are coming soon, starting on Nov. 11.

**THE BAYS**  
**SAN PABLO:** The Pumphouse is the hot spot for strippers. Drifting, trolling or anchoring works. A few halibut remain in the area. Nunez reported that Smith on

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Saturday caught 32 bass weighing up to 12 pounds for the 16 anglers aboard. On Wednesday, Smith caught over 20 bass.

In San Francisco Bay, Tyler, Vic and Cody Quarello of Oakley caught 54- and 36-inch leopard sharks at AT&T Park and a 24-inch ling cod and six rock cod outside the Golden Gate.

**SUISUN:** Jordana Santiago of Mar-

tinez Bait & Tackle reported great fishing this week. From 8 a.m.-1 p.m. the outgoing tide is weak, but all other tides through the weekend are good. Stripper action is still doing well at the west end of the Mott's Fleet up through Roe Island, with many spots to fish in between. Bullhead, mudduckers and grass shrimp are doing well. The sturgeon are plentiful

at Buoy 2, 4 and 6. Also try Big Cut, Grizzly Bay and Roe/Ryer Island. Grass and ghost shrimp, eel and salmon roe served best.

Catching strippers were Bob Wright of Pleasant Hill (two totaling 49 inches) at Roe Island on mudcrust, Greg Slovik of Hayward (36.7 pounds) at the first row of ships on a bullhead, Leonard Greer of Walnut Creek (two totaling 22.7 pounds) at the sardiner on bullhead, Jim Delbridge of Walnut Creek (two totaling 26.8 pounds) at the bar with bullhead and Martinez Bait's Gina Dumit (25 inches) on a grass/ghost shrimp combo at the east end of the fleet. Dumit also caught a 69-inch sturgeon at the same location.

**THE LAKES**  
**SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE:** The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said trout action is coming on strong with several limits being reported. Try Power Bait in rainbow or green night-crawlers. The main recreation area has been good and the launch is still open. Low water levels does mean better shoreline access. The cooling water is helping the trout bite. San Pablo Reservoir will close for 2006 on Oct. 31.

There is still some good bass action. Use plastics and swimbaits. Catfishing is still a good choice. Try chicken liver and shrimp or nightcrawlers and anchovies. No reports received this week of crappie, but some bluegill have been reported. Try using small worms or waxworms.

Catching trout were Vince Del Masso of Hayward (5 pounds) on crankbait at the dam and Clarence Harrison of Pittsburg (5 pounds) on Power Bait at the Main Rec. Catching catfish were Edgar Fong of Pleasant Hill (17.9 pounds) on liver at the Oaks, Richard Fong of San Ramon (15.9 pounds) on shrimp at the Oaks, Paul Madison of San Leandro (18 pounds) on liver at Wild Boar Cove and Freeman Wils of Hayward (10 pounds) on a worm in

Soow Canyon.

**LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY:** Trout season has started with a bang as many anglers are getting limits trolling near Half Moon Bay. Broken back Rapalas in freerig and rainbow trout patterns are working well, as well as needlefish and flashers. Bait anglers are doing well, with most averaging 1-2 fish per rod. Try fishing white or yellow Power Eggs topped with an inflated nightcrawler with a two-foot leader near Coots Landing.

There are no reports of bass being caught this past week, but they are still biting. The island and Alder Point are good places to throw out plastics and crank baits.

Limits of catfish are still coming out of the lake on mackerel, anchovies and chicken livers. Many fish have been reported from the first dock, but most limits have come from Honker Bay. Try drifting mackerel in Honker Bay or near the island.

There are plenty of bluegill in the lake: Use a size 14 hook and a tiny piece of nightcrawler, and a bobber about 18 inches away from the hook. Bluegill stay by tulles in shallow areas. Try Raccoon Point and across from Catfish Landing.

— Compiled by Curtis Pashelka

ALBANY-BERKELEY STING SOFTBALL

RESULTS OF HAYWARD BSC "FALL BRAWL" TOURNAMENT, OCT. 21-22

UC Twisters 7, Sting Gold 12U

6: Sting Gold started off the first inning sharply with Alex Hickey drawing a walk, Catherine Cove advancing Hickey to third with a double in the left-center field gap, and Annie Smith driving Hickey in with a line drive to right field. In the second, Katy Nordahl led off with a single, Kyle Daniels was hit by a pitch, and Maria Price-Hansen reached on a fielder's choice to the left side. Katy Robinson then clocked an RBI single to drive in Daniels, Price-Hansen stole home, and Zoe Pollack drove in Robinson and Hickey with a shot to center field. In the third, Smith singled again, Zoe Fiedler and Lindsay Baker reached base on consecutive fielder's choices, and Emma Rotem singled, but the Sting could not capitalize, leaving Baker and Rotem stranded. In the fourth, Daniels and Robinson singled again, and Pollack drove them in with her second 2-RBI shot of the day, but it was not

enough to hold off the Twisters. Pollack and Price-Hansen pitched well for Sting Gold but defensive lapses behind them was the difference between defeat and victory.

Sting Blue 12U 9, San Jose

**Strikers 3:** Izzy Lubin-Brown pitched for the Sting in the first inning, and right fielder Clara Obstfeld carried the defense with assists in all three outs. Sting batter Anna Moore then doubled home Meagan Tokunaga and Jaclyn Caldwell, and Obstfeld singled home Moore. In the second, Lubin-Brown struck out the Striker leadoff on route to a 1-2-3 inning. The Sting then exploited walks, passed balls and errors, and Kate Moore singled and Lubin-Brown crushed a two-run triple. Allie Presher hauled down a fly ball at second base and assisted on a fine play to Tokunaga at second. Obstfeld walked and moved to third off a hit from Camille Dyhr to center field. Taylor Ivancich then bunted safely, and Obstfeld and Dyhr scored on ensuing errors.

Delta Diamonds 7, Sting Blue

**12U 0:** Highlights included some notable plays from the Sting defense. Lubin-Brown at first base threw to Kate Moore at third for an out. Lubin-Brown also made a heads-up tag on a runner going to first. Tokunaga and Caldwell caught an errant Striker runner between third and home.

Sting Blue 12U 7, San Jose

**Mize Diamonds 1:** Caldwell and Tokunaga teamed up again for some crisp defense on a 2-6 play. Pitcher Presher secured two strikeouts in the second inning, retiring the side with a beautiful changeup. Sting batters exploded in the second off hits from Lubin-Brown, Kate Moore, Dyhr and a bunt from Presher. Katie Tick and Taylor Ivancich drew walks and proceeded to exploit errors and steal to score. The Sting tacked on another run in the third off a single to center from Dyhr.

Pinole Rays 2, Sting Blue 12U

**0:** The competition turned red hot Sunday morning as Sting pitcher Fiona Riley fanned the Rays' leadoff

hitter with a devastating changeup. In the second inning, Anna Moore fielded a hit in left and threw to Tokunaga at short, who in turn gunned down a speeding Ray at third. The Rays persisted for a run, but Riley again got the Rays' leadoff hitter to strike out to end the inning. In the third, Riley got three more Rays to ground out. In the fourth, Riley looked shaky, allowing two consecutive hits, but came back with two strikeouts, then bedeviled the Rays' leadoff hitter with yet another changeup for a strikeout. In the fifth, Riley struck out her seventh batter and retired the side without incident. With the game and Fall season on the line, the bottom of the Sting batting order found a way to get on base, with Riley drawing a walk and Dyhr hitting a drive too hot to handle at third base. With two outs, Tokunaga was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Presher then worked the count to 3-2 and with the runners going, hit a hard fly ball to right that was caught.

EAST BAY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SUPER POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	7-0	Spartans rout Antioch, travel to Clayton Valley today
2.	Foothill	7-0	Two third-quarter touchdowns help Falcons squash Livermore 31-6
3.	Monte Vista	6-1	Mustangs have allowed just 14 points in their last three games
4.	San Ramon Valley	7-0	Fourth-quarter field goal helps Wolves get by Amador Valley 31-28
5.	Deer Valley	7-0	Wolverines have averaged 42 points a game in their last three wins
6.	Amador Valley	6-1	Hosts Granada today — let's hope the lights work
7.	Pittsburg	5-2	Pirates keep BVAL title hopes alive with 50-28 win over Ygnacio Valley
8.	Hayward	6-1	Farmers take control of HAAL with 35-6 win over Mt. Eden
9.	Freedom	6-1	Falcons play Pittsburg today in their biggest BVAL game in years
10.	Pinole Valley	7-0	Game vs. El Cerrito today should determine the ACCAL champ

11. Mt. Eden (6-1), 12. San Leandro (5-2), 13. McClymonds (3-2-1), 14. Alhambra (6-1), 15. College Park (6-1), 16. California (4-3), 17. Miramonte (6-1), 18. James Logan (5-2), 19. Ygnacio Valley (4-3), 20. El Cerrito (6-0-1).

**Others receiving votes:** Irvington (5-2), Castlemont (6-1), Salesian (6-1), John Swett (6-1), Clayton Valley (4-3). The East Bay Super Poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers and the Alameda Newspaper Group. Records are through Saturday.

Football

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the Dons Friday night.

The Yellow Jackets dominated, amassing 260 yards rushing while their defense smothered the Dons, holding De Anza to minus 66 yards rushing in an ACCAL game.

Berkeley's big offensive line opened huge holes for Jamar Smith (14 rushes, 130 yards, two touchdowns) and Dwayne Adams (nine carries, 91 yards one touchdown).

The Yellow Jackets (3-4, 3-1 ACCAL) got on the board on a first quarter 41-yard punt return by Brandon Senigar. Berkeley put up 21 points in the second period on touchdowns by Dwayne Adams, Kenneth Adams and Gabe Caliero.

In the third period, Smith had touchdown runs of 8 and 26 yards sandwiched around a 35-yard fumble return by Bradley Hairston to stretch the lead to 49-0.

Berkeley is playing extremely well after losing three nonleague games. The Yellow Jackets' only loss in the ACCAL is against Pinole Valley.

De Anza fell to 3-4 overall and 1-3 in ACCAL play.

— Pete Elman, correspondent

**Piedmont 28, Albany 8:** In the first half Friday, Peter Modera rushed for 118 yards as the visiting Highlanders scored 28 unanswered points. Piedmont's defense limited Albany to 73 yards on 24 plays and forced two fumbles. The Highlanders' special teams recovered another Albany fumble. The Cougars were

unable to recover.

The Highlanders (3-4, 2-0 Bay Shore Athletic League) scored three touchdowns in a five-minute span of the second quarter to take command.

After taking a 6-0 lead late in the first quarter, the Highlanders started their second-quarter scoring streak with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Will Conn to Alexander Menke. Brendan Newland then made a one-handed grab of a high pass from Conn for the two-point conversion.

On Albany's next possession, Piedmont's Tonio Celotto recovered a fumble on the Albany 25. Five plays later, Modera ran behind the right side of the line for a 7-yard touchdown. Modera scored three touchdowns and rushed for a game-high 138 yards, all in the first three quarters.

Piedmont produced its final touchdown after recovering an Albany fumble on a kickoff. On the first play of the ensuing drive, Modera weaved through Albany's defense for a 28-yard scoring run.

Eric Roberson paced the Cougars (2-5, 0-2) with 42 yards rushing on nine carries. He also scored Albany's only touchdown on a 38-yard pass from Ari Colby Dorman in the fourth quarter.

— Phil Jensen

**John Swett 68, St. Mary's 28:** The Indians' Santario Carson broke his own school rushing record by running for 300 yards against the visiting Panthers Friday.

Carson rushed for five touchdowns. He also caught two scoring passes from quarterback Thomas Arguello.

The Indians (6-1, 2-0 BSAL) gave no quarter, outscoring the Panthers (3-4, 0-2) in every period.

Jeremy Allen rushed for 107 yards and two touchdowns for St. Mary's. The Panthers' Lanny Kelly caught four passes for 68 yards, and reached the end zone on a 76-yard kickoff return.

— Bill Krussnick

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OW PLAYING

**THE DEPARTED:** Martin Scorsese's his latest picture in years. ... from the clever 2002 Hong Kong crime drama "Infernal Affairs," "The Departed" is a cat's cradle of ... brought to life by a ter- ... ensemble including Leonardo ... Jack Nicholson and Matt ... groomed by a crude mob ... (Nicholson) since he was a ... Sullivan (Damon) joins a ... Massachusetts police unit ... goal is to bring Costello ... the cops have their own mole ... inside the kinglypin's outfit. ... nature's not pretty but it is com- ... and in many places, very ... —B. Caine. (R: strong brutal ... pervasive language, some ... content and drug material.) 2 ... 28 minutes. **A-**

**THE SUMMER VACATION:** Ben's (Ru- ... lesson vacation consists ... meetings and humiliating ... lessons with mom until "sal- ... arrives in the unlikely form of ... (Julia Walters), one of those ... accents you only meet in ... Ben is caught between ... -bumping mother (Laura ... and the newcomer. The ac- ... provide a master class in ... —G. Whipp. (PG-13: ... sexual content, thematic ... 37 minutes. **D**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:** ... (Dane Cook and Dax ... compete for a gorgeous ... (Jessica Simpson) who only ... employees of the month. Ex- ... standup comic Cook, who ... to come off as likable ... everyone else involved be- ... in this unemployment line. — ... (PG-13: crude and sex- ... humor, language.) 1 hour, 48 ... **D**

**THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP:** After ... the World War II drama, it ... impossible to look at the ... of soldiers raising the ... of Jim. Based on a book by ... Bradley, the film portrays the ... battle fought on Japanese terri- ... the pride and its aftermath. ... movie relates the fate of the six ... men, focusing on the three who ... the battle. The nonlinear ... leading leap-frog between the ... and the past, allows revisi- ... the combat that left nearly 7,000 ... dead. —B. Caine. (R: ... scenes of battlefield vio- ... 2 hours, 11 minutes. **A**

**THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND:** Today's new version is a ... of the Mary O'Hara ... became a 1943 film and ... television series. At the heart ... is Kate (Alison Lohman), a ... based been struggling to recon- ... her parents want her to be ... she longs to become. ... she discovers a wild mustang ... woods, she is determined to ... back and tame it despite the ... of her intimidating dad ... (McEwan). —N. Churnin. (PG: ... mild language.) 1 hour, 34 ... **B**

**THE GUARDIAN:** Eager recruits ... the elite Coast Guard Res- ... if you're looking for ... new in a story about ... don't hold your breath. ... is Jake Fischer, the ... mid with potential and ... to prove. Kevin Costner ... Ben Randall, his no-no- ... instructor. Despite the pre- ... the picture differs from its ... by sustaining its inter- ... bookending its cliches with ... action sequences that justify ... training. —B. Caine. (PG- ... three sequences of ... brief strong language ... sensuality.) 2 hours, 19 ... **B**

**THE GRUDGE 2:** In this horror ... sequel, the origins of the ... that dwells within that dark, ... house are explained. But ... the haunted themselves seem ... the ability to be everywhere ... Audrey Davis (Amber Tam- ... the plucky heroine in distress ... to Japan to find her older ... Sarah Michelle Gellar in a ... appearance). At the same ... bad things ensue for several ... characters in Tokyo and ... —C. Lemire. (PG-13: ma- ... thematic material, disturbing ... violence and some sen- ... 1 hour, 38 minutes. **C-**

**THE NERD:** Ryan Gosling is ... in a run down Brooklyn ... school. He knows how to in- ... his students, but his own life ... is easier; he sneaks into a school ... to smoke crack. When one ... students (Shareeka Epps, ... wacky and very good) ... springs up between them. ... end, we're not sure who is ... who. Gosling gives such ... performance you find ... still worrying about his char- ... water movie ends. —M. ... drug content throughout, ... and some sexual content.) ... 47 minutes. **A-**

**THE ILLUSIONIST:** Edward Nor- ... a master magician in turn- ... century Vienna, and he's so ... you almost believe he can ... an orange tree grow from a ... in the noblesman who loves, Ru- ... reveal his arch nemesis, and ... is a detective but, ... important, the only other actor ... who can hold his own ... the Magnificent. To- ... they elevate the material, ... good but not great. —M. ... some sexuality and vi- ... 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

**INCONVENIENT TRUTH:** Al

Gore's PowerPoint presentation on global warming sounds like it might be a snoozer, but it's actually a frightening wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on Gore, rarely opening the issue up for others to voice their support. —R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B**

**"INFAMOUS":** No, you're not having a senior moment, there really is another movie about Truman Capote writing "In Cold Blood." This time the basis is George Plimpton's glib oral history. Toby Jones is excellent as a more grating, snide Capote, which could be accurate (you'd have to ask someone who knew him) but is less compelling. Sandra Bullock's Harper Lee is softer and warmer than Catherine Keener's. But all this comparison indicates the word didn't need another Capote movie this M. Pils. (R: language, violence and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. **B-**

**"JACKASS NUMBER TWO":** The fellows (Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O, etc.) from "Jackass" are back with another freak show/proteological exam and would-be snuff film, designed to bring out the inner Stougie in all of us. It's all about bad taste and shocks and the extremes people will go to become famous. The film is grosser, more dangerous, more bloody and even less concerned with the things that make a "movie" than the original. —R. Moore. (R: extremely crude and dangerous stunts throughout, sexual content, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

**"JESUS CAMP":** Liberals (or folks who believe in the separation of church and state) will find this film alarming. Members of the religious right may find themselves saying "Amen!" "Jesus Camp" follows three Missouri youths to a Christian camp in North Dakota that serves as ROTC training for God's army. Employing a cinema verite style, the filmmakers do a remarkable job of presenting this polarizing material without editorializing. —R. Butler. (PG-13: some discussions of mature subject matter.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B**

**"KEEPING MUM":** This dark British comedy exudes the comfy familiarity of a vintage episode of "Alfred Hitchcock Presents." Maggie Smith, her tongue digging a hole in her cheek, is Grace Hawkins, a seemingly angelic old lady who materializes all Mary Poppins-like in the English village of Little Wallow. No sooner has she begun working as a housekeeper for the local vicar's (Rowan Atkinson) troubled family than she sets about solving their problems in her own special way. —S. Holden. (R: sexual situations and some strong language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B**

**"THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND":** This quietly enjoyable fiction film, based on the novel by Giles Foden, creates a portrait of famous and brutal Ugandan dictator Idi Amin from inside the palace walls. Furiiously paced with excellent performances by Forest Whitaker (Amin) and James McAvoy as the foolish Scotsman who becomes the leader's personal physician, the film has texture, if not depth, and enough intelligence to almost persuade you that it actually has something of note to say. —M. Dargis. (R: some strong violence and gruesome images, sexual content and language.) 2 hours. **A-**

**"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE":** An alienated family — deluded and egotistical father, frustrated mother, socializing uncle, anarchist son and drug abusing grandfather — come together during a two-day road trip to a beauty pageant for little girls. A top-notch ensemble cast is led by Greg Kinnear and Steve Carell. —M. Pils. (R: some language, sex and drug content.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **A-**

**"MAN OF THE YEAR":** The sharpest political satires know where they're going and how they plan to get there. "Man of the Year" knows where it wants to go but loses its footing on the way. Robin Williams plays a cable-show host elected president because of a computer error. —B. Caine. (PG-13: crude sexual references, drug-related material and brief violence.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **C+**

**"MARIE ANTOINETTE":** Sofia Coppola gives us history as imagined by a smart seventh-grader, dreamy, romantic and as stylish as a fashion magazine. It's harmless, she's only interested in empathy; what was it like to be Marie Antoinette (the lovely Kirsten Dunst) Queen of France? A little lonely apparently, but still loads of fun and you can't beat the shoes or the setting (Coppola shot much of this at Versailles). The movie is so shallow that you question Coppola's intellect. But there are scenes you can't shake, and certainly, this is a conversation piece. —M. Pils. (PG-13: sexual content, partial nudity and innuendo.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. **B-**

**"THE MARINE":** WWE grappler John Cena takes on the role of action hero as John Triton, an ex-Marine who's been drummed out of the service because he acted single-handedly to save three fellow warriors from barbaric al-Qaida terrorists. Back in the States, just as he's starting a new life, John's wife is taken hostage by a vicious gang of diamond thieves. What follows is a long relentless pursuit with lots of hand-to-hand combat and big explosions. —D. Hiltbrand. (PG-13: for profanity, violence.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **C**

**"OLD JOY":** Kelly Reichardt's extra-

**OPENING THIS WEEK**

**"The Bridge" (NR):** Director Eric Steel films most of the 24 suicides and the failed attempts at the Golden Gate Bridge in 2004. Includes interviews with families, friends and witnesses.

**"Catch a Fire" (PG-13):** A brutal act by a government-sanctioned terror squad in South Africa in the 1980s turns an apolitical family man into a rebel fighter. Derek Luke and Tim Robbins star. Based on a true story. Phillip Noyce directs.

**"Conversations With God" (PG):** Neale Walsch talks to God about his problems, then pens a best-selling series of books. Henry Czerny plays Walsch.

**"Death of a President" (R):** This political thriller is about an investigation into an imagined 2007 assassination of President George W. Bush. Brian Boland, James Whitaker and Hand Ayouab star.

**"Deliver Us From Evil" (NR):** The focus in this documentary is on Father Oliver O'Grady, an unapologetic pedophile who raped dozens of Northern California children during a 20-year period.

**"The Root of All Evil" (NR):** It's science vs. religion in this documentary that explores religious fanatics and religion-based conflicts. With Richard Dawkins, Yousef Al-Khattab, Ted Haggard and Richard Harries.

**"Saw III" (R):** In this edition, the deadly sadist hires an apprentice to help torment his pursuers. Tobin Belle and Shawnee Smith star.

**"Tideland" (NR):** A young girl with junkie parents escapes from her isolation by retreating into her mind, where the heads of her four dolls keep her company. Jodelle Ferland, Jeff Bridges, Janet McTeer and Jennifer Tilly star. Terry Gilliam directs.

ordinary film demonstrates that, once gone, certain things can never be recaptured. Kurt invites his old pal Mark on a camping trip. The point of the trip is for Mark to see the hidden hot springs, located deep in the Oregon woods, but also for the two old friends to reconnect. The difference between "Old Joy" and most other recent indies is that it matches its rhythms and visuals to its story. It doesn't care about resolutions or likability; it only seeks something that feels real. —J. Anderson. (NR) 1 hour, 16 minutes. **A**

**"OPEN SEASON":** Funny characters voiced by funny actors do the silliest things in this table-turning farce from the director of "The Lion King." "Open Season" is a riotously rude romp through that elemental animal dilemma — how to survive hunting season. This very basic animal concern meets up with the old "fish out of water" formula. Boog, a coddled grizzly (Martin Lawrence), and his deer friend Elliot (Ashton Kutcher) have no wilderness skills but must rally the animal kingdom for the coming war with hunters. —R. Moore. (PG: some rude humor, mild action and brief language.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. **B+**

**"THE PRESTIGE":** Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale star in this period tale of a blood feud between two rival magicians. The plot involves a rivalry gone overboard, following ruthless attempts by former comrades to upstage, discredit and even maim each other. The two men once were up-and-comers together in an act overseen by their mentor (Michael Caine). Tragedy sets the two magicians on a fury of escalating vengeance. —D. Germain. (PG-13: violence and disturbing images.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. **C**

**"THE QUEEN":** Director Stephen Frears' frisky and provocative imaging of palace life in the week after Princess Diana died. This is tabloid voyeurism "Masterpiece Theatre" style, naughty, funny and surprisingly touching. Helen Mirren is Oscar-worthy as Queen Elizabeth, and Michael Sheen does a fabulous Tony Blair. But the movie's greatest strength might be what it ultimately reveals about us and our desire to go backstage in the lives of the rich and famous. —M. Pils. (PG-13: brief strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **A-**

**"RUNNING WITH SCISSORS":**

Titles and showtimes subject to change.

**Wheelchair Accessible**

Showtimes for Friday October 27

**Alameda County**

**Albany Twin**  
1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-464-5980  
•The Queen (PG-13) 1, 2, 3, 30, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:20.

**AMC Bay Street 16**  
5814 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262  
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40.  
•The Departed (R) 11:55, 1:10, 3:15, 4:25, 6:40, 7:50, 10, 11.  
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:30, 8, 10:30.  
•Flags of Our Fathers (R) 11:45, 1:15, 3, 4:15, 6:20, 7:40, 9:30, 10:40.  
•Flicka (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:35.  
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 2, 7:10.  
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 4:35, 9:45.  
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 11:40, 2:20, 5:15, 8:15, 11:10.  
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 11:30, 1:05, 2:30, 4:05, 5:20, 7, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50.  
•Open Season (PG) 11:35, 1:45, 4:10, 6:50, 9.  
•Running With Scissors (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25.  
•Saw III (R) 11:50, 1:15, 2:50, 3:45, 4:40, 5:35, 6:30, 7:20, 8:30, 9:20, 10:15, 11:15.

**California Theatre**  
2113 Kirtland St., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
•Last King of Scotland (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:35.  
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 2:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:25.  
•Running With Scissors (R) 2, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45.

**Chabot Cinema**  
2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.

**Chabot Space & Science Center**  
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300  
•An Inconvenient Truth (PG) 6:30, 8:30.

**Elmwood 3**  
2566 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-9530  
•The Devil Wears Prada (PG) 4:45, 7, 9:45.  
•Half Nelson (R) 9:05.  
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 5, 7:15.  
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 9:20.  
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 9:15.  
•The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13) 4:45, 7.

**Renaissance Grand Lake**  
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556  
•Death of a President (R) 12:45, 3:15, 6, 8:10, 10:15.  
•The Departed (R) 12:15, 3:30, 7:05, 10.  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:35.  
•Running With Scissors (R) 1, 4, 7:15, 9:45.

**Oaks Theatre**  
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836  
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 5:15, 7:45.  
•Keeping Mum (R) 5.  
•Old Joy (Not Rated) 7:30.

**Parkway Speakeasy Theatre**  
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-514-2400  
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 5:15, 7:45.  
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 7.

**Piedmont Theatre**  
4188 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-464-5980  
•The Queen (PG-13) 12, 1:30, 2:30, 3:45, 4:45, 6, 7:15, 8:15, 9:25.  
•The Science of Sleep (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:35.

**Regal Jack London**  
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320  
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 5, 7:40, 10:10.  
•The Departed (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 10:15.  
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20.  
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 12:45, 3:50, 6:45, 9:30.  
•The Marine (PG-13) 2:50, 7:30.  
•Open Season (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 6:50, 9.  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30.  
•Saw III (R) 12, 1, 2:40, 4, 5:20, 7:15, 8, 10, 10:40.  
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 12:40, 5, 9:40.

**Shattuck Cinemas**  
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
•The Bridge (R) 2:40, 5, 7:20, 9:55.  
•Death of a President (R) 5:50, 7:10, 9:30, 10.  
•Deliver Us From Evil (Not Rated) 1:40, 4:05, 6:30, 9.  
•The Departed (R) 3:10, 6:40, 9:40.  
•Driving Lessons (PG-13) 2:30, 4:55.  
•Evil Dead II: Dead by Dawn (R) 12.  
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10.  
•Jesse James (PG-13) 7:10, 9:25.  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 6:55, 9:45.  
•The Science of Sleep (R) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20.  
•Shortbus (Not Rated) 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30.  
•Tideland (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50.

**United Artists Berkeley 7**  
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-465-1852  
•Conversations With God (PG) 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45.  
•Flags of Our Fathers (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30.  
•Flicka (PG) 9.  
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 1:20, 4, 7:15, 10.  
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5, 8, 10:45.  
•Open Season (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 6:50.  
•Saw III (R) 11:15, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15, 12.

**United Artists Emery Bay**  
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0707  
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 12:40, 2:10, 3, 4:40, 5:30, 7:10, 8, 9:40, 10:25.  
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15.  
•Infamous (R) 12:50, 4:20, 7:20, 10.  
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 2:20, 7:45.  
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 10.  
•The Marine (PG-13) 12, 5, 10:20.  
•One Night With the King (PG) 1, 4, 7:25, 10:10.  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 12:30, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 7, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30.  
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:30.

**Central Contra Costa**

**CineArts at Pleasant Hill**  
2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 925-687-1100  
•The Bridge (R) 11:40, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.  
•Driving Lessons (PG-13) 11:30, 1:55, 4:40, 6:30, 9:30.  
•The Last King of Scotland (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30.  
•The Queen (PG-13) 11:20, 12:10, 1:50, 2:40, 4:20, 5:15, 6:50, 8, 9:25.

**Contra Costa Stadium Cinemas**  
555 Center Avenue, Martinez 925-228-9980  
•The Departed (R) 12:50, 3:50, 7, 9:50.  
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 12:40, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35.  
•Flicka (PG) 12:30, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:20.  
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:40.  
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45.  
•Open Season (PG) 12:40, 2:45, 5, 7:05, 9.  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40.  
•Saw III (R) 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50.

**Renaissance Orinda Theatre**  
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-5060  
•The Departed (R) 12:30, 4, 7:30  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7, 9:35  
•Running With Scissors (R) 1, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45.

**Rheem All Stadium 4**  
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411  
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55  
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 5:10, 10.  
•Jean-E-Mann (Not Rated) 3, 6, 9.  
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 2:25, 7:35.  
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 2:20, 5, 7:40, 9:50.

**West Contra Costa**

**Century 16 Hilltop**  
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345  
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10  
•The Departed (R) 12:35, 3:50, 7, 10:10  
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45  
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•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:25  
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05  
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 1:10, 3:25, 5:50, 8, 10:15  
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 11:50, 2:25, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30  
•The Marine (PG-13) 1, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55  
•Open Season (PG) 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 6:55, 9:15  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20  
•Saw III (R) 11:30, 12:05, 12:40, 1:15, 2, 2:35, 3:10, 3:45, 4:30, 5:05, 5:45, 6:20, 7, 7:35, 8:15, 8:55, 9:35, 10:10.  
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 12:10, 2:15, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20.

**San Francisco**

**AMC Loews Metreon 15**  
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-389-6201  
•Conversations With God (PG) 10:50, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05, 12:50  
•Flicka (PG) 11:20, 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30, 12:55  
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 11:10, 2:10, 5:10, 8:35, 11:10  
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 11:35, 2:35, 5:35, 8:25, 11:35  
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 11:15, 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40, 1:20  
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 10:35, 11:05, 1:35, 2:05, 4:35, 5:05, 7:35, 8:10, 10:35, 11:05  
•The Marine (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:50  
•Open Season: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 10:25, 11, 11, 12:20, 2, 4:20, 5, 5:25, 8:15, 8:15, 10:25, 11:15, 11:15, 1:25  
•Saw III (R) 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30  
•Superman Returns: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 11:20  
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 10:45, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:20, 10:50, 1:10  
•Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas 3D (PG) 10:20, 12:45, 3:05, 5:45, 8, 10:15, 12:45

**AMC Van Ness 14**  
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 11:55, 2:40, 5:25, 8:15, 10:40.  
•The Departed (R) 1, 3:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:05, 7:05, 8, 11:15  
•Flags of Our Fathers (R) 11:05, 12:40, 2:05, 4, 5, 7:10, 8:20, 10:10, 11:30  
•Flicka (PG) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20  
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:30  
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 10:45, 1:10, 10:30, 11:30  
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 11:45, 2:20, 5:05, 7:35, 10:15  
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 10:55, 1:40, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50  
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 10:50, 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:45  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 11, 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:50  
•Running With Scissors (R) 11:10, 2:10, 5:10, 8:10, 11  
•Saw III (R) 11:50, 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:15, 7, 8:05, 9:30, 10:55, 12

**Kabuki Cinema**  
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40  
•The Departed (R) 11:45, 3:15, 6:45, 10.  
•Flags of Our Fathers (R) 10:55, 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20  
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 11:35, 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50  
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 11:40, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55  
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45  
•The Prestige (PG-13) 10:50, 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05  
•Running With Scissors (R) 11, 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:15.

**Bridge Theatre**  
3010 Gary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4893  
•The Last King of Scotland (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40.

**Castro Theatre**  
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120  
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**Clay Theatre**  
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893  
•The Monster Squad (PG-13) 12  
•The Science of Sleep (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

**Embarcadero Center Cinemas**  
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893  
•The Bridge (R) 12:10, 2:25, 5, 7:20, 9:50  
•The Queen (PG-13) 12, 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:10, 4:40, 6:40, 7:10, 8:20, 9, 9:40  
•Shortbus (Not Rated) 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10.  
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 11:35, 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50

**Lumiere Theatre**  
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456  
•Death of a President (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:25  
•Deliver Us From Evil (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35  
•Tideland (R) 2:30, 5:15, 8:15.

**Opera Plaza Cinema**  
801 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893  
•Up (Not Rated) 2:15, 5, 8  
•Driving Lessons (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20  
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40  
•Old Joy (Not Rated) 1:45, 7  
•The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13) 4:30, 9:30.

**Red Vic Movie House**  
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994  
•Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (PG-13) 7:15, 9:30.

**Roxie Film Center**  
3114 Alameda, San Francisco 415-863-1087  
•Like Killing Files (R) 8:15, 8  
•Tales of the Rat Fink (Not Rated) 9:35.

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# Events

## COMEDY

■ **Paramount Theatre** — Katt Williams, Nov. 4, 8 and 11 p.m. \$36-\$46. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-465-6400, 415-421-8497, [www.paramounttheatre.com](http://www.paramounttheatre.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

■ **Pyramid Alehouse, Berkeley** — "Unfiltered Comedy with Ovi Be Negroes," Ongoing. The San Francisco Improv Alliance presents this weekly evening of comedy, improv and theater. Thursdays, 8 p.m. \$10-\$15. [www.improvalliance.org](http://www.improvalliance.org). "Unfiltered Comedy with SPFF," Ongoing. The San Francisco Improv Alliance presents this weekly evening of comedy, improv and theater. Sunday, 6 p.m. \$10-\$15. [www.improvalliance.org](http://www.improvalliance.org). 901 Gillman St., Berkeley.

## DANCE

■ **Cal Performances** — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. Lyon Opera Ballet, Oct. 27 and Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Led by Director Yorgos Loukos, the company will perform innovative works by three female choreographers: Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker's "Die Grosse Fugue," set to music by Beethoven; Sasha Waltz's "Fantasie," set to music by Schubert; and Maguy Marin's "Groosland," set to music by Bach. \$32-\$58. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988, [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu).

■ **Julia Morgan Center For The Arts** — "Side by Side," Nov. 3 through Nov. 4, 8 p.m. Established Bay Area dance choreographers and dancers converge to present their innovative visions in a single performance. Featured performers include Dandelion Dance Theatre, Sonia Delwaide, Nina Haft, Rande Paulve and Laura Renaud-Wilson. \$12-\$15. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542, [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

■ **Malonga Casquelord Center** — "Sweet Savory Sunday," Nov. 5, 3 p.m. Dimension Dance Theater will perform alongside Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. Guest artists include Shakira de Abreu and Tres Santos. \$20-\$25. 1428 Alice St., Oakland.

■ **Shattuck Down Low** — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159, [www.shattuckdownlow.com](http://www.shattuckdownlow.com).

■ **Starry Plough Pub** — "Ceili and

Dance," Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. The evening begins with dance lesson at 7 p.m. followed by music at 9 p.m. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, [www.starry-ploughpub.com](http://www.starry-ploughpub.com).

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ **Berkeley Buddhist Monastery** — "Women Sing the Dharma," Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. Singer/songwriters Betsy Rose, Jennifer Berezan and Eve Decker present western musical settings of Buddhist teachings. \$18 suggested donation. 2304 McKinley Ave., Berkeley.

■ **Berkeley High School** — San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Nov. 5, 2 p.m. Benjamin Simon conducting. Featuring dancers from San Francisco Ballet School's Trainee Program. The concert will include works of Bach and Handel. At Little Theater. Free. 415-248-1640, [www.sfchamberorchestra.org](http://www.sfchamberorchestra.org). Florence Schwirmler Little Theater, 2223 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. 510-332-1931.

■ **Cal Performances** — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. The English Concert, Oct. 29, 3 p.m. Violinist Andrew Manze conducting. The program will include works of Bach and Mozart. Manze will offer a "Sightlines" pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. \$30-\$52. Yefim Bronfman, piano, Gil Shuman, violin, Truls Mork, cello, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. The program will include works of Tchaikovsky and Schubert. \$30-\$52. "Artists of the Marinsky Academy," Nov. 5, 3 p.m. Mezzo-soprano Ekaterina Semenchuk and bassist Alexei Markov will be accompanied by Marinsky Academy Artistic Director Larissa Gergieva. At Hertz Hall. \$42. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988, [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu).

■ **Chapel Of The Chimes** — Oakland Lyric Opera Present "Russian Romance," Nov. 5, 2 p.m. Featured artists: Maria Mikhayenko, soprano; Dmitri Annisov, tenor; Alexander Katsman, piano. A Russian music program. \$18-\$20. 510-836-6772, [www.oaklandlyricopera.org](http://www.oaklandlyricopera.org). 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-654-0123, [www.chapelofthechimes.com](http://www.chapelofthechimes.com).

■ **First Congregational Church Of Berkeley** — Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Nov. 4 and Nov. 5. Nicholas McGegan conducting. Featured artists: Isabel Bayrakdarian, soprano; Patti LuPone, vocalist. The program titled "Metamorphoses" will include the world premiere of Jake Heggie's "To Hell and Back" as well as works of Locatelli and Geminiani. Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. \$29-\$67. 415-392-4400, [www.philharmonia.org](http://www.philharmonia.org). 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

■ **Hertz Hall At The University Of California, Berkeley** — "The 54th Annual Noon Concert Series," through Dec. 6, 12:15 p.m. Nov. 1. "Composer's Spotlight: The concert will feature the first works from the

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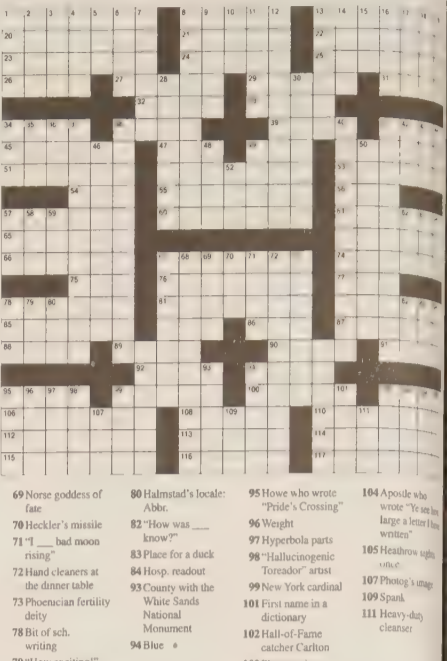
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Graduate Composition Seminar directed by faculty composer John Thew. Free. University Wind Ensemble, Oct. 29, 3 p.m. Robert Calonic and members of UC Berkeley's Young Musicians Program will conduct a program of works by Percy Grainger, Roger Chiche, Charles Ives, Jonathan Elkus and Michael Senturia. \$4-\$12. 510-642-9988, [music.berkeley.edu](http://music.berkeley.edu). UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley.

■ **Mills College Music Department And The Center For Contemporary Music** — Concerts take place in the Concert Hall unless otherwise noted. "Dewey Piano Recital," Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Pianist Werner Bartschi will perform works of Chopin and Musorgsky. \$10-\$20. Olivia Block and CCM Composers, Nov. 4, 8 p.m. The program will feature new work by the Mills Contemporary Performance Ensemble as well as new selections by CCM composers Maggi Payne and James Fei. \$6-\$12. Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2296, [www.mills.edu](http://www.mills.edu).

■ **University Of California, Berkeley Art Museum** — Ongoing Events — "First Impressions: Free First Thursdays," first Thursday of every month. Special tours and movie presentations. Admission is free. Guided Tours, selected Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Graduate students from the university's Department of Art History will give tours of featured exhibits. "All Souls Day," Nov. 1, 7 p.m. Manika Kuzma leads the University Chamber Chorus in a performance of music by Pierre de la Rue. \$4-\$12. \$5-\$8; free children under age 12 and UC Berkeley students; free to all on first Thursday of the month. Wednesday-Sun-

day, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-642-0808, [www.bampfa.berkeley.edu](http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu).

## POP MUSIC

■ **2232 Mik** — "Day of the Dead Benefit Concert for Zapatos," Nov. 2, 7 p.m. Featuring Fuga, Los Nadies and La Plebe. \$8-\$20 sliding scale. 2232 Martin Luther King Way, Oakland. [www.2232mik.com](http://www.2232mik.com).

■ **924 Gilman St.** — All ages welcome. Trainwreck Riders, Genghis Khan, Rum and Rebellion, The Achievement, Oct. 27. Allegiance, Set it Straight, Right On, Static Thought, Trash Talk, Oct. 28. An evening of cover music. Flip the Switch, Issue No. 10, Dan Potthast, Davenport Totem, Skeleton Television, Nov. 3. Resistant Culture, Attack Dissarm Takeover, Eskapo, Flatbush, Masacre, La Grita, Nov. 4. \$5 unless otherwise noted. Shows start Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926, [www.924gilman.org](http://www.924gilman.org).

■ **Albatross Pub** — Whiskey Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of every month. Free. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473, [www.albatrosspub.com](http://www.albatrosspub.com).

■ **Ashkenaz** — Moodswing Orchestra, Oct. 27, 9:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Dance lesson with Nick and Shanna. \$11-\$13. "The Heartbeat of Afrika Tour," Oct. 29, 8 p.m. Featuring Jimi Bridges, Keys of Creation and Heartical Roots. \$10. Afrisippi, Nov. 1, 9 p.m. \$9. "Ancient Vision Vol IV: Sessale Coronation Celebration," Nov. 2, 9 p.m. With Fikir Amak, Red Medi-

ation, Binghi Ghost and Luv Fyah. \$10. Caribbean All Stars, Callaloo, Nov. 4, 9:30 p.m. \$11-\$13. California Friends of Louisiana French Music "Last Waltz," Nov. 5, 7 p.m. With Mes Bon Amis. Free. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054, [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com).

■ **Beckett's Irish Pub** — Rock & Roll with Nicole, Ongoing. Saturday evenings. All your favorites from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. The Dave Stein Hub-Bub, Oct. 27. Free. Shows at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790, [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com).

■ **Downtown Restaurant** — Zoe and Davis Ellis' "Zadel" Nov. 3. Ellen Seeling's "Deuce" Nov. 4. Free unless otherwise noted. Friday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810, [www.downtownrestaurant.com](http://www.downtownrestaurant.com).

■ **Freight And Salvage** — Reverend Billy C. Wirtz, Oct. 27. \$18.50-\$19.50. Wake the Dead, Oct. 28. \$19.50-\$20.50. Susan Werner, Oct. 29. \$18.50-\$19.50. Jim Page and Casey Neill, Nov. 1. \$17.50-\$18.50. John Schott's Dream Kitchen, Nov. 2.

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■ **Greek Theatre** — Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, The Dandy Warhols, Oct. 27, 7:15 p.m. \$45. Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-548-3010, [www.apeconcerts.com](http://www.apeconcerts.com).

■ **Jazzschool** — Sarah Cahill, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. The pianist presents a program of new work. \$10-\$20. \$18 unless otherwise noted. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 42 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 209 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-845-5500, [www.jazzschool.com](http://www.jazzschool.com).

■ **Kimball's Carnival** — "Monroe Blues Legends Night," Ongoing. 8 p.m.-midnight. Enjoy live blues every Monday night. Presented by the Bay Area Blues Society and Lothario Lotho Company. \$5 donation. 510-836-2227, [www.bayareabluesociety.net](http://www.bayareabluesociety.net). 522 2nd St., Berkeley.

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# Readers' dislike of Rachael Ray runs strong and wide

WHEN I ASKED for reader comments about Rachael Ray, I had no idea I was going to get a volcano. In my 10 years at the Hills papers, I've never as much e-mail as I have today.

Most of the readers dislike her as much as I do — or more. Some e-mail in her behalf. A sampling of the comments:

Paula Niemann: "Ray is a sorry excuse for a human being. Her first guest was a member pig by Ray. I never get a word in because Ray needs to be all about her. She's ruining everyone on her show. She is extremely rude to her guests and her audience. Plus, her food is disgusting and extremely unhealthy. She is the biggest liar I've ever seen. She has said so many different things about her past jobs, family, her food dislikes that I don't think she even realizes that she is setting herself up. Some day America will wake up and realize she is a big hack."

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From Sherri Baillargeon: "Rachael Ray is truly a big part of 'The Dumbing Down Of America.'"

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# Marie's latest makeover is full of froth

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KIRSTEN DUNST, above, stars as Marie Antoinette, the young Austrian plucked from her family to marry the future king of France.

ogy of womanhood, with "The Virgin Suicides" (which Dunst also starred in), representing the unease and magic of adolescence, and "Lost in Translation," representing the sea of choices facing a young woman fresh from the education mill.

"Marie Antoinette," then, as Coppola sees it, is the woman finding herself, within the confines of a country that treated her as an outsider and a marriage that remained unconsummated for seven years and seemed, at best, a warm friendship.

Yet her Marie Antoinette is a remarkably girlish creature. "I like your hair," she says to her new hairdresser. "What's going on there?" "EVERYTHING," he

responds, to happy giggles. It's just the kind of moment you can imagine between Jessica Simpson and her hair boy, Ken Paves.

In Coppola's vision, life at court is more "Mean Girls" than "Dangerous Liaisons." "These are so du Barry," sniffs one of Marie's many ladies in waiting, tossing aside an inferior shoe. She's referring to Madame du Barry (Asia Argento), the favorite mistress of Louis XV (Rip Torn). No one at Versailles, except for the king, likes du Barry, allegedly because she came from a brothel, although it might also have something to do with Argento's unfortunate snarl and habit of publicly gnawing on both the king and the scenery.

The movie was booed when it premiered at Cannes in May; presumably the French would like the queen they revolted against portrayed as somewhat less adorable (Dunst has never looked more entrancing on film; she's sunshine in muslin).

Perhaps it's painful to see the news of the storming of the Bastille treated as a dull interruption of the king's teatime. Or maybe they were disturbed by Coppola's anachronistic musical choices (the soundtrack includes New Order, Adam Ant and Kevin Shields doing a remix of Bow Wow Wow's "I Want Candy").

I suspect they see that as the whim of the rich, privileged

## 'MARIE ANTOINETTE'

**Starring:** Kirsten Dunst, Jason Schwartzman, Jamie Dornan, Judy Davis, Rip Torn, Rose Byrne, Asia Argento, Molly Shannon, Shirley Henderson, Danny Huston, Steve Coogan

**Rated:** PG-13 (for sexual content, partial nudity and innuendo)

**Opens today:** Bay Area theaters

**Running time:** 2 hours, 3 minutes

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American kid who wants to remix French history for her own pleasure. Given that the whole film feels like the effort of girls at a slumber party putting themselves in Marie Antoinette's shoes, that seems harmless; they just want her to dance to something fun.

I also suspect that Coppola is correct in her assumption of the utter triviality that went on at Versailles, even if she's using the language of our simmering court idiots — such as Paris Hilton — to illustrate it, rather than a more historically accurate dialogue. People are people, she is telling us.

There's no blood in it; Coppola can't bear to accompany Marie to the guillotine, or even to prison. This is her weakest movie to date, and yet as a reflection of Coppola's intriguing quality as a filmmaker, there's something about it that makes you wonder what the test of time will do to this "Marie Antoinette."

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**'RUNNING WITH SCISSORS'**

**Starring:** Joseph Cross, Annette Bening, Alec Baldwin, Brian Cox, Jill Clayburgh, Gwyneth Paltrow, Evan Rachel Wood, Joseph Fiennes, Gabrielle Union

**Rated:** R for strong language and elements of sexuality, violence and drug use

**Opens today:** Century 9, S.F.

**Running time:** 2 hours, 2 minutes

feels borrowed, a little "Royal Tenenbaums" here, a little "Ghost World" there.

We begin meeting the players in 1972. Deirdre (Annette Bening), a very bad poet and an even worse mother, is prone to hauling her little boy out of bed to be

her audience. "Your mother was meant to be a very famous woman," she tells Augusten (Jack Kaeding). His father (Alec Baldwin) in yet another smart supporting performance) is mostly absent, and when he is there, he's pouring himself another soothing scotch.

Around the time Augusten hits adolescence (and Joseph Cross takes over the part), Deirdre finds a new shrink, Dr. Finch (Brian Cox), who looks the part but speaks such utter nonsense that he's instantly recognizable as a quack and, as we soon see, a dangerous, criminally negligent one. He proposes intensive therapy for Deirdre: five hours a day, and she, the happy narcissist, agrees. Augusten ends up shuttled off to live with Dr. Finch, his two daughters, gloomy Hope (Gwyneth Paltrow) and sassy Natalie (Evan Rachel Wood) and his wife Agnes (Jill Clayburgh, who plays the part



TRI STAR PICTURES

ANNETTE BENING and Brian Cox star in "Running With Scissors," based on Augusten Burrough's popular memoir.

like she's in a horror movie, but manages to be moving).

As the unhinged Deirdre, Bening is the star of this production and the alleged Oscar contender. Yet, just a few minutes into the film, I wrote in my notebook, "She's great, but can I stand two

hours of her?" There's simply not enough of a connection between her and the character of Augusten. He whines a little about her, but essentially, she's crazy in a vacuum. Cross is a flat presence, and his Augusten is someone we're still waiting to know.



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## TIMES/HILLS BOOK CLUB

## NEXT BOOK

We've got a can't-put-it-down tale

By Lynn Carey

STAFF WRITER

I LOVE NOTHING more than to be consumed by a book. You know what I mean ... when you spend all day waiting to run home and read more; or when the premiere of "Lost" or "Grey's Anatomy" takes second billing to the book. Or, when the spouse complains about the itty-bitty book light not doing its job, you smack him with a pillow instead of turning out the light.

The next Times/Hills Book Club selection is one of those books. It's "Any Bitter Thing" by Monica Wood (Ballantine, \$13.95, 335 pages). This beautifully written tale begins with the narrator's near-death in a hit-and-run accident on a dark night. From there, we read about her past ... orphaned when her parents' plane crashes, she is raised for seven blissful years by her uncle, a priest, until she is sent to boarding school after a scandal. In the present, Lizzy tries to come to terms with her accident, the vision she saw in the hospital, as well as her rocky marriage.

It sounds depressing but really isn't. It is definitely a great discussion book. Please join us at Bonanza Street Books on Monday, Nov. 2.

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## A SAMPLING CHAPTER ONE

Despite its abrupt arrival, my accident felt anticipated after the fact, like a long-delayed package arriving as a thwup on the doorstep. Finally, I thought, as I spun through the air and thudded back to earth, delivered.

I tell this with the authority of memory.

I'm wearing dark clothes on a moonless night. A moonless night in late March, a night scrimmaged with the fine, soft rain that falls in spring, the road's muddy shoulder too slick to run upon, the wet, bare asphalt making for better purchase. Through the misty dark, a carload of joiding teenagers makes its obnoxious way toward me.

My breathing settles, the road turns, my running shoes stop against the pavement. Then: hit and run. A brief flight through the murk. A bone-rattle landing.

I hear a girl scream, then the scream of the car — a stolen Neon that will be pulled over within the hour. The jig is up for the fourteen-year-old from New York City, AWOL from a wilderness-experience program in Maine, showing off for her hick boyfriend and his three sidekicks. She tells the cop she thought she hit a deer. She tells her parents she thought she hit a deer. She tells the judge she thought she hit a deer.

Eventually, I guess, she thought she hit a deer.

I land directly on the yellow line — lined up neatly, head to toe — and rattle loose. The road feels forgiving and cool. Something breaks inside me, not only bones. I am thirty years old, with a husband and a good job and a best friend and students who need me and a hole in my life that I fall straight through.

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## WE'RE TALKING ABOUT: 'THE NAMESAKE'

## One city, one book, many voices

■ A different kind of Club meeting brings readers to the table

By Lynn Carey

STAFF WRITER

SINCE THE TIMES/HILLS Book Club's discussion of Jhumpa Lahiri's "The Namesake" took place at Sargam restaurant among a group of 75 readers, all participants in Walnut Creek's One City, One Book program, we had to depend on participants reporting back to us about the conversations at their separate tables to give you an accurate account.

David Perrings of Danville said that at his table, they found the key element of the book to be the immigrant experience. As many at the table had personal experience with immigration (through family or friends), they felt a more intimate connection to the book.

Gogol, the book's protagonist, was named for Nikolai Gogol, the author of the short story "The Overcoat." Perrings said the table suggested the name "is like an overcoat, and can be put on, taken off, or replaced with a new one."

The group also felt that while he struggled with his name, "it was not much different than what many of us go through regarding our name, identity and who we are, which does not come together fully until we grow up." They also felt Gogol had not grown up by the end of the book.

Andrew Fulp of Walnut Creek was spokesman for his table, and reported it was felt that Gogol falls into everything too easily. They also felt he is so passive, he will just fall into another relationship after his divorce.

Kathy Hicks, mayor of Walnut Creek, said sometimes she just wanted to shake Gogol because of his passivity. "He was this tall, hunky guy with a great career, but he didn't know who he was and had no vision for his future."

Tom Mader of Walnut Creek said the name, Gogol, symbolized the boy's dilemma of being caught between two cultures. "Whether Indian or American, linguistically he did not conform. He resented the demands of his Indian culture, but felt guilty about conforming to the somewhat superficial demands of the American culture."

Diane Mader of Walnut Creek said the standards for being American aren't that clear. "This created a good deal of tension for Indians leaving a well-defined culture for one not clearly defined."

The Mader table agreed that Gogol's mother, Ashima, seemed to adjust best to the change in culture, shown by her deciding later in life to spend half the year in India and half in the

United States. "We discussed whether this showed that she integrated the two cultures, or whether it showed she resigned herself to compromise," Tom Mader said.

There was some discussion about the lack of feeling Gogol's father showed for him. Prabha Gopal of Walnut Creek said that didn't mean there was a lack of love. When she was a little girl in India, she said, her father "never gave me a hug or said 'I love you' every time he spoke to me. But he would pick away the stones from where I was walk-

ing when I was 3 years old." With her own children, who grew up mainly in the United States, she said she did hug them and tell them she loved them. "Otherwise, they'd say, 'Mom, you never said you loved me!'"

Nimmi Gidhwani of Concord said both her daughters were born at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek and she raised them to be very American. "I thought they'd end up married to Caucasians, because that's the way I brought them up, to be very American. I named them Tammy and Pamela! Never did I

dream they'd end up with an Indian." But sure enough, one of her daughters married an Indian man and, despite all her life talking about the white dress, requested a "typical Indian wedding."

Also, Gidhwani says, the family never speaks Hindi at home, only English. "Now my daughters are saying, 'Mom, why didn't you give me a cool Indian name?' You try to assimilate. But now my daughter is saying when she has a baby, she is going to give it a cool Indian name."

READERS  
RING IN

"I sympathized with Gogol's struggles to feel like he belonged, either with his friends or his family and traditional values. Moushumi had a whole different set of values to deal with, after living in Calcutta, London, America and elsewhere. With being exposed to different cultures, it was hard for her to embrace, which she didn't know which she should embrace, which was the most comfortable to her. She was or what she really was or what would, in the end, make her happy." — Nora Bohn, Pleasant Hill

"It was ironic that Gogol 'chose' his dislike of his past to start himself on his path to distance himself from his heritage. And to think he ended up with that name, the letter from his grandfather who was to provide his name, 'never arrived from his grandfather' and he officially changed his name and heard it pronounced at school mates for the first time. It could now be a new person shed his past — or so he thought. In the end, after all his distance himself from his past, it seemed like Gogol found on the journey to being comfortable with himself and his and confident about what was going. — Aileen Segal, Walnut Creek

"The women who surround Gogol are particularly notable. Part of Gogol's attraction is his family. She is so strong in her parents' lives, she disappears from her own. She likes this family and then she leaves it. His love of family is evident not his own! As the pendulum swings and after the death of his father, he begins to realize the power of the love he has in his own family. Moushumi is a voracious character. Despite the fact she has a strength that she reinvents herself all the time. Ashima is another woman who admires. She courageously to the U.S.A., makes a better her husband's death. She vents herself, too. Both of women seem stronger than men they married. I kept thinking for something to happen comfortably well-written. Then came to the conclusion everything had been happening along. This is the story of generations — the same many of us. — Evy Carter, Soquel

"I really liked this and people, even Gogol's wife, got a little too addicted to have known Indian families have maintained their despite of struggles with children and I applaud them, but so hard. If my life were reversed, I cannot even think what it would be like. I went to school on the first heart hurt for him, but I never. I wished he had changed his name." — Monica Wood, Moraga

## MEET THE AUTHOR

## Jhumpa Lahiri draws from life to flesh out her characters

By Lynn Carey

STAFF WRITER

JHUMPA LAHIRI was in the middle of a playdate when reached by phone at a friend's house in New York City earlier this month. The chatter and giggles of children were in the background. Two were her own: her son, Octavio, 4½, and daughter Noor, 2.

It was the end to a fairly typical day, for Lahiri; a far cry from the flurry of publicity for the author when her first book, "Interpreter of Maladies" won the Pulitzer Prize in 2000. Her first novel, "The Namesake," prompted more publicity when it came out in 2003. But these past few years have been quiet, spent having children and buying a house in Fort Greene, Brooklyn, N.Y. There was also the day she was an extra on the movie of "The Namesake," due out next March.

"Life stuff," Lahiri says. She's also working on her next book, a book of longer stories, some of which are interrelated.

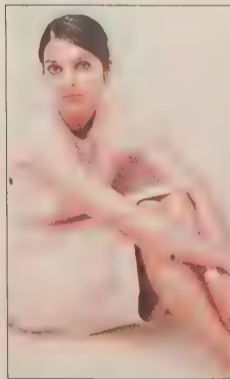
Lahiri grew up in Rhode Island, where her mother was a homemaker and her father an academic. Like her character Gogol, she spent several weeks of the year with relatives in India. Like Gogol, she struggled with identity.

Unlike Gogol, she read books by the Russian writer Nikolai Gogol before she was a teenager. She says he wasn't an influence on her as a writer; in fact, the book's genesis came when as a child, she met a little boy in Calcutta who was named Gogol, his pet name. It stuck with her. "He was growing up in India, and his name was unusual but not that unusual. It got me thinking, what if he were like me, raised in the United States ... The musings became the story, and the little boy Gogol, now a man, has corresponded with Lahiri since then. "He was very excited about the book," she says.

Lahiri's parents also liked the book. "They seemed very touched that I had essentially taken the experience of their lives and put it in a story. It meant a lot to them."

## Poignant image

Lahiri's parents had an arranged marriage, and their meeting was very much the same as Gogol's parents' meeting in the book. "My mother came home one day, and her mother said, 'Go put on your best clothes, there is someone who wants to meet you!' And she saw my father's shoes in the hallway and stuck her foot in them. It really struck me, so I



SANJAY KOTHARI

LIKE HER BOOK'S PROTAGONIST, author Jhumpa Lahiri grew up in the United States but spent time in India.

used it for the book."

When asked what she thought American culture is, Lahiri thinks for a moment: "I don't know ... maybe the idea of privacy, and being on their own, and not being as intensely and persistently connected to everyone else in their family, in the way my parents had known."

It was painful for her parents, she continues, because they were separated from their families still in India. "Hearing people here say they only see their parents once a year was troubling and shocking to them. They yearned so deeply for their families."

That is why it never occurred to Lahiri to apply to universities on the West Coast. "I knew they couldn't take it. It would have caused a crisis in my mother's soul. I went to Barnard, which was a 3½-hour train ride away, and that was enough. Now I'm a parent, I can understand that! I really hope my kids stay on the East Coast, so I can be there in a few hours."

The familial connection was also the reason Lahiri and journalist Alberto Vourvoulias-Bush got married in Calcutta almost six years ago. The couple met at a wedding. "We were sort of set up. It was instant. And really wonderful, because friends approved and orchestrated it."

Their own wedding was intense, she says. "The different pieces of my life, from different parts of the world, all came together." And her parents, who had at that point lived in the United States for more than 30 years, had friends from this country who traveled to Calcutta for the wedding.

"They were separated (for) so many moments in their lives: divorces, weddings, births. "It meant a lot to them that they were able to go to Calcutta and throw their daughter's wedding."

## A new generation

And now, Lahiri's daughter are perfect examples of the multiculturalism in "The Namesake." The daughter is a half Indian-American on her mother's side, and a half Guatemalan-American on her father's.

Because times have changed, Lahiri doesn't expect to feel as she did, or as she did, growing up. "But was a focus on cultural standards were so strong, it doesn't matter as it maybe I'm spoiled by the New York."

So far, the kids seem to say. "They're still in the process of understanding what it means to say things in different ways. Their mother is for banana, their father for banana, and their teacher word for banana."

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BY TOM KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

Chevrolet's all-new 2007 Aveo is a subcompact sedan with a surprisingly big interior because it has a high roofline. And it's loaded with many surprises. For example, I asked a friend who is 6 feet tall to get into the driver's seat. To his surprise, he fit comfortably. The height of the seat, resulting in extra legroom, making him feel like he was having more room, making him feel like he was having more room. That was just one of the surprises I had with the Aveo.

The base price of the Aveo LT is \$13,250. My tester had a few options, such as a four-speed automatic transmission with destination charges, this car sells for \$15,025 — surprisingly low considering the interior.

People who say the new Aveo has a wider body compared to the previous model. It now has a better suspension that delivers more responsive ride handling, and has a maneuverable wheelbase of 33 feet.

One surprising was the upscale quality of the interior. It contains appointments that you expect only in more expensive cars. Not only did it have a tilt steering wheel, but it also has a rear window defogger, daytime running lights, plus a map holder on the passenger's seatback.

There are two models — LS and LT; the latter is my tester.

The power came from a small 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine that produces only 105 horsepower. But I was surprised with the output of this little engine — and it's rated at 26 miles per gallon city and 34 highway.

It also told it has a stainless steel suspension system, plus a MacPherson strut suspension with coil springs and a rear bar and an independent torsion beam-mount compound link-type suspension with gas-charged shocks. The combination accounted for the comfortable ride, instead of the usual small-car, incidentally, my tester rode on 15-inch aluminum wheels.

One optional option is an Aisin four-speed automatic with hold control mode.



MOTOR MATTERS

**CHEVROLET'S ALL-NEW 2007 AVEO** is loaded with many surprises. The 180-watt sound system with six speakers has an iPod connection, left. In the rear, the round taillamps are set with jewel bezels, below.



### KEANE ON WHEELS

This provided me with the ability to manually shift gears. Considering the Aveo's price, such equipment is very unusual. Another option was leatherette seats, a \$250 extra, which improved the interior appearance. The more I drove this car, the more I had to keep reminding myself that I was in a small inexpensive sedan.

Even its outer appearance is misleading. Its chrome-accented grille puts emphasis on the bowtie Chevy emblem. The headlamps, which extend into the hood, also contain fog lamps. In the rear, the round taillamps are set with jewel bezels. Again, all these visual appointments are surprising for a low-priced small sedan.

The 180-watt sound system with six speakers didn't have the usual GM component of XM Satellite radio, but it did have

### CHEVROLET AVEO LT

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, front-wheel drive subcompact sedan
Suggested Retail	\$13,250
Price As Tested	\$15,025
Engine Type	Four-cylinder 16-valve DOHC w/MPFI
Horsepower	103 @ 5,800 rpm
Torque	107 @ 3,400 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	98 inches
Height	59 inches
Curb Weight	2,542 pounds
Fuel Capacity	11.9 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 26/34

an iPod connection. Although the interior isn't the quietest I've been in, the interior noise level was low enough for me to enjoy the music from the iPod.

One annoyance occurred when it rained. The intermittent windshield wiper

wasn't properly set, so the upswing of the blade on the driver's side banged against the A pillar. But a dealer could easily fix that. Incidentally, GM cars now carry a 100,000-mile powertrain warranty.

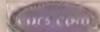
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Safety Administration has awarded a five-star rating in the offset frontal crash test for both driver and front passenger. But that shouldn't be surprising because this car is built with a high-strength steel structure so the passengers are seated in a safety cage. It also has dual-stage frontal airbags.

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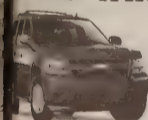
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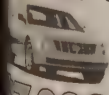
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# Just-free 1972 Chevrolet Malibu is a keeper

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## CLASSIC CLASSICS

Have an addiction. You find a car you like and before you know it, there are two of them in your garage. Often those two cars are like rabbits multiplying on a driveway filled with cars. That's what happened to Robert Holland of Egin, Ill. In 1980 he acquired a 1972 Chevrolet Malibu. When he joined a local Chevrolet club, he says, "I was looking for the club," he says, "I wanted to buy and sell more cars because I like the size of them." Since 1965 he has owned several Malibu cars.

His favorite cars began appearing in most of the cars in his neighborhood were getting rusty and wouldn't be running. His solution was to buy a 1972 Chevrolet Malibu. The car still carried the original Gulf Green paint and dark green interior when Robert Holland purchased it in 1993.

Records indicate that the Chevrolet was built in the Van Nuys assembly plant. Because all the body sheetmetal parts are original and rust-free, Holland suspects that until he bought the car, it had always been in California. Malibu models like Hollands were very popular and General Motors manufactured 207,598 of them, each carrying a base price of \$2,923. Optional extras, such as power steering and power brakes in addition to air conditioning, cause Holland to think that his car sold new for around \$3,500 or more.

He has replaced the seat covers, ball joints, springs, shocks, idler arm, and had the car repainted the original Gulf Green color because this is one Malibu that's not going to get away.

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to Illinois," Holland says. Before they arrived in Phoenix a tire blew and they limped on with the spare tire. Holland purchased a pair of tires once arriving in Phoenix and motored on. "In New Mexico," he reports, "we stopped at a rest area and then the car wouldn't start. It was just a loose cable." The rest of the trip was uneventful.

The ride home in the Malibu was made in comfort thanks to the car being supported on a 112-inch wheelbase and coil springs at all four corners.

A Chevrolet 350-cubic-inch V8 engine in 1970 delivered 250 horsepower. Only two years later, government-mandated engine ratings were downgraded for emissions and the compression was lowered to the extent that the same 350-cubic-inch V8 engine in Holland's car delivers only 165 horsepower.

Still, that seems to be enough to propel the 3,327-pound car comfortably with power transferred to the rear-drive wheels through a Turbohydromatic three-speed automatic transmission. A few years after purchasing the '72 Malibu, Holland rebuilt the transmission himself.

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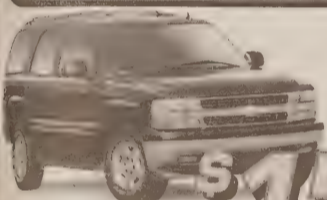
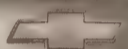
MSRP	\$57,115
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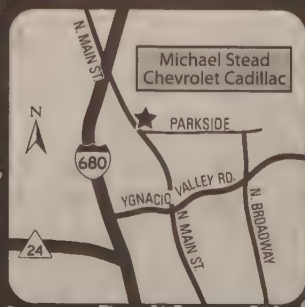
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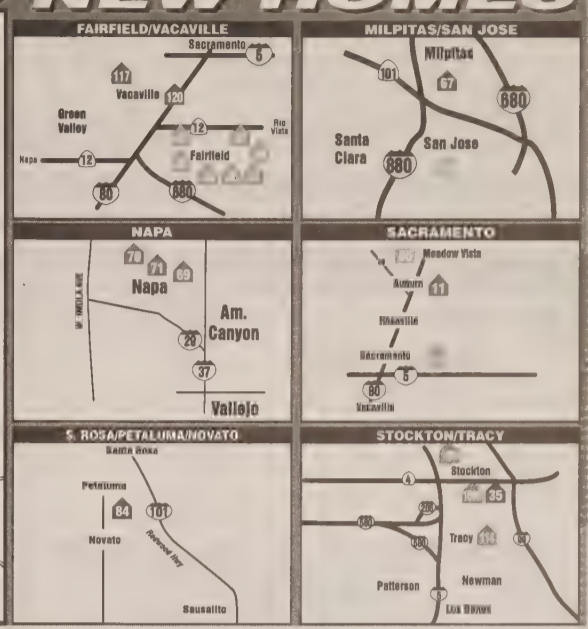
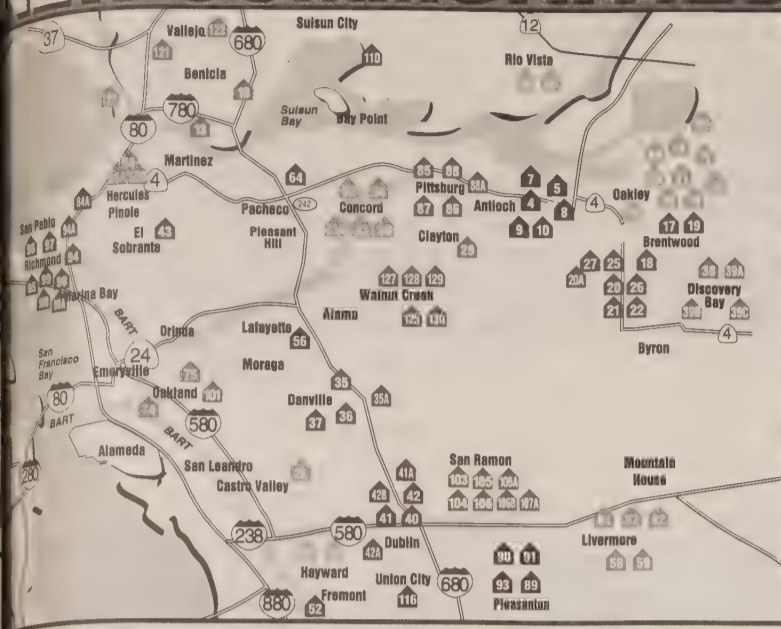
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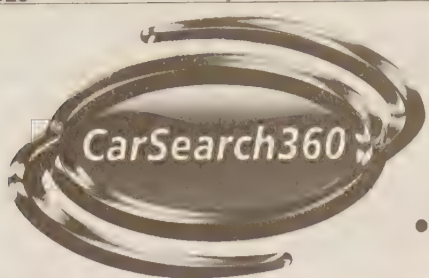
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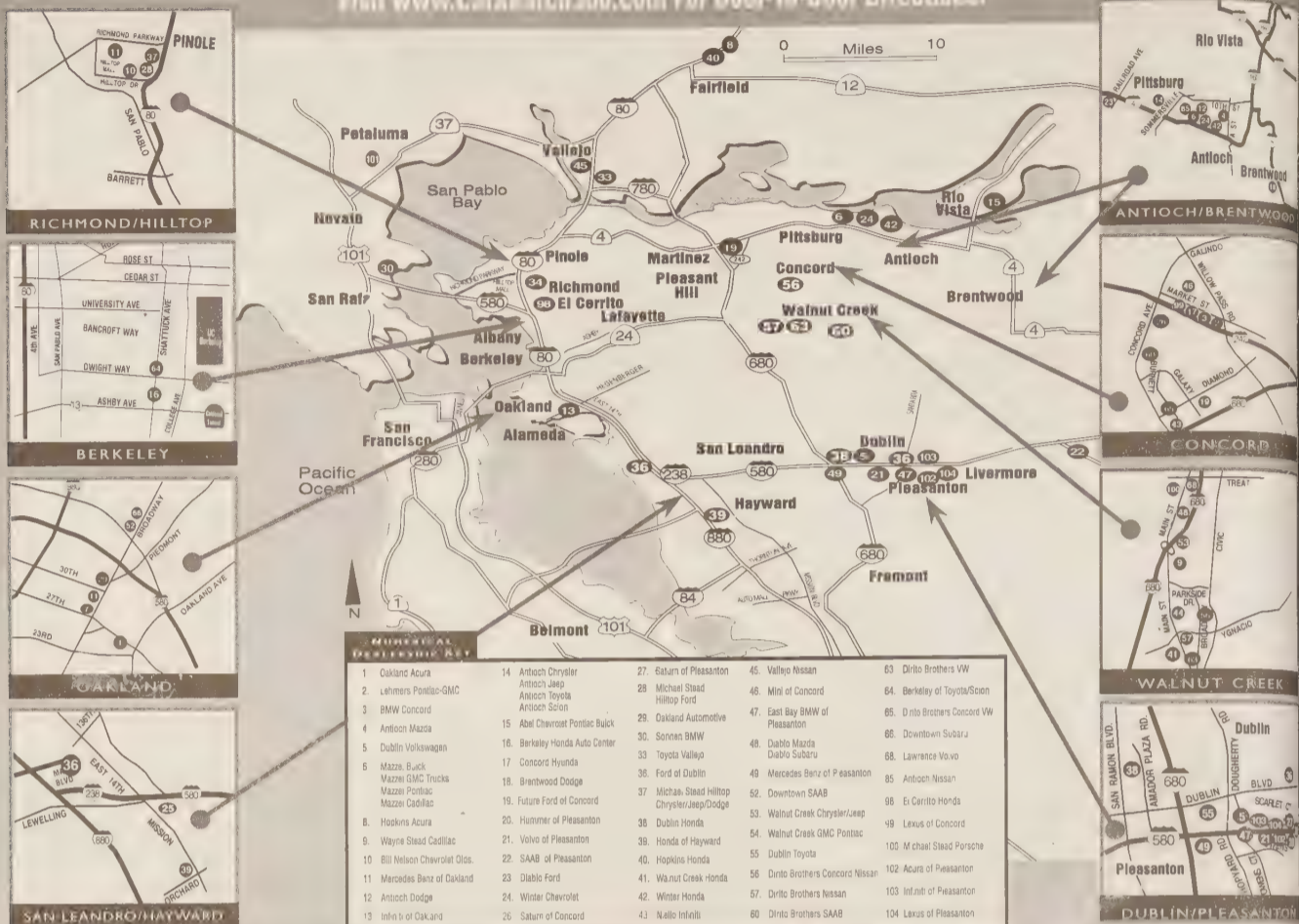




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**NO CITY MUSEUM:** Alameda's museum is located on Alameda Avenue just off Park Street. The museum's third home is the historic Masonic Hall, which was recently restored.

## Treasure chest preserves Alameda history

DENNIS EVANOSKY

STAFF WRITER  
The Masonic Building on Alameda Avenue in Alameda is the city's best-kept secrets: the Alameda Museum.  
I didn't know we had a museum.  
One of the quotes Gunn hears time and again from visitors who happen upon this little treasure chest.

### IF YOU GO

**What:** The Alameda Museum  
**Where:** 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda (just off Park Street)  
**Hours:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1:30 - 4 p.m.  
Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m.  
**Phone:** 510-521-1233  
**Admission:** free, donations encouraged.



**WHEN?** Alameda Museum's current exhibit is the City's Coney Island of the West, Neptune Beach.

The museum started with the founding of the Alameda Historical Society in 1948, Gunn says.  
World War Two patriotism was the focus of the display. At Sutter's Mill led by descendants of the town to realize the importance of preserving history.  
Some members realized the need for a place to exhibit this history. In 1961, the society opened the museum in the basement of the Carnegie Library.  
"This is where we were when I was born in 1971," says Gunn.

"The society did not focus on Alameda history at the time. I convinced the society's board of directors narrow their focus to Alameda."  
Gunn, who has served as curator for 25 years, considers this most important contribution. Before, the museum was reminiscent of Barnum's in New York — a little bit of everything with no focus.  
"Today we're taken more seriously as a protector of local history," Gunn says.

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DENNIS EVANOSKY

**TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY STYLE:** The Colonial Revival-style Myers House at 2021 Alameda Avenue serves the Island City as its only home museum. Here, visitors can experience life in the late 19th-century.

## Time stands still at Alameda's Myer's House

ALAMEDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Prominent East Bay architect Henry H. Myers designed the Colonial Revival-style Meyers House on Alameda Avenue in the late 1890s. He turned to his father, Jacob, who built the home in 1897 for a total cost of \$4,000.

Myers work includes the portal entrance of the Posey Tube in Alameda, 10 veterans buildings in Alameda County and numerous public buildings and churches.

In 1894 he married Bertha May, whose father was a prominent

rancher in Alvarado. Bertha and Henry had three daughters: Edith (1900-1971) was a physician and Mildred (1898-1982) an architect. Jeanette (1905-1993) ran the Dry Creek Ranch near Union City. Henry H. Meyers died in 1943, Bertha in 1947.

The home stands today on a three-parcel lot, that includes the original fencing and pergola, a three-car garage, a carriage house, green house, and an architectural studio built in 1935. Mildred made numerous changes and additions

to the home. The living room is still furnished with many objects that originally belonged to the Meyers family. These include a Steinway & Sons piano, an Oriental carpet, four reception chairs and a kidney-shaped couch.

The home's living room was originally two separate rooms, a parlor and a sitting room. The wall separating the two rooms was removed in 1915 when the redwood fireplace, wainscoting, and triple

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### IF YOU GO

**What:** The Myers House  
**Where:** 2021 Alameda Ave., Alameda  
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**ELBOW ROOM:** The museum has extra space that allows local artists to exhibit their works and gives the museum room to host talks by local historians.

## Museum

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"No large museums can do that. Small-town historical societies are to be commended for the work they do."

The museum accepts and exhibits two types of artifacts. Alameda provenience is required for anything exhibited at the museum itself.

"We don't require that provenience for objects we display at the Meyers House," Gunn said.

The museum offers the visitor an intimate look at life in 19th-century and early 20th-century Alameda. A kitchen and a barbershop are among the two rooms featured.

There is no charge to enjoy the exhibits, although donations are gratefully accepted. These donations are not just limited to cash.

"We accept various items," Gunn said. "When we do we examine them carefully and interview the donors."

Where else but a local museum can you glimpse early calendars and ephemera like posters and programs or gadgets that stores once used to promote themselves?

"We rely heavily on volunteers," Gunn said. "Any Alamedan with time on his or her hands will be most welcome. We certainly have enough here to keep an army busy."

The museum sells books, smaller publications about local history and films.

Of great interest are Andy Pagano's films. The museum offers one Pagano made during the 1939 fair on Treasure Island and another he made about Neptune Beach.

You can revisit Neptune Beach more intimately at the museum's current exhibit.

"Many Alamedans have contributed both souvenirs and memories of their excursions to the amusement park," Gunn said.

On display are bathing costumes, tickets, posters, panoramas, and photographs. Best of all, you can have your picture taken with one of the hand-carved animals Dentzel Carousel.

Yes, Alameda does have a museum. Stop by and enjoy.



**SYMBOLIC HOMECOMING?** The Alameda Museum found a home in the basement of the City of Alameda Carnegie Library, above, from 1951 to 1981. Some hope to see the museum return to the now-vacant building on Santa Clara Avenue.

## Myers

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cornice were added. The hardwood floors with feature strips were also laid during this period.

The home's dining room features an oak table, four chairs, a lamp table, and a tea cart that were part of the Meyers family furnishings. The molding, wainscot and built-in side board in quarter-sawn oak are also original.

The family added a stained glass window depicting a Monterey scene in 1909. The kitchen has a 1930s Wedgewood stove, a dropleaf table, four chairs and a high chair that

originally belonged to the Meyers' family.

The three piece Victorian bedroom set, plus additional pictures and bric-a-brac in the master bedroom are all original to the Meyers house.

Most of the furnishings and objects found in the home have been graciously donated by the public or are from the Alameda Museum Collection. Some rooms, including the dining room and master bedroom have been painted to replicate the original colors.

The Meyers sisters bequeathed the house and grounds to the City of Alameda for use as a house museum and a park.

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# Marking territory in a 'manspace'

**BY ELS LOTOZO**  
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Barrie Maguire is crazy about his basement. But not as a place to park his car. He uses the tiny structure, which he transformed with a skylight, to paint and do other things. He has some of his portraits, art equipment and some other things in there.

In an earlier incarnation, the basement was a home office/escape room. From the family hubbub, with a faux brick fireplace and a lamp hanging from a tree trunk gnawed by a beaver.

Maguire was trying to make it feel like a man's space in Wyoming," he says. "I was like, 'What? Maguire's beloved basement really is a 'manspace.' It's the tongue-in-cheek term used by author Sam Martin in his book, 'Manspace: A Primal Guide to Marking Your Territory' (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95), which celebrates the space guys stake out for themselves for hobbies, creative pursuits, collecting collections or simply hanging out.

These are not the grubby basements and garage redoubts where guys once went to build birdhouses, tinker with cars, watch the beer-drinking, sports-watching stereotypes. The book, which is packed with photographs of more than 50 manspaces across the United States, features everything from a replica of a 19th-century tea house to a room designed for a collection of nautical paraphernalia. A local musician's recording studio and rehearsal space in a renovated barn outside Philadelphia is pictured with Peruvian puppets and chandeliers. And there's an actual observatory built by one guy's Colorado summer home, a modern fishing camp designed by another fellow's indulgent wife, a backyard arbutus bowling alley with an arcade scoreboard, and a timber-frame barn built for a guy who breeds duck decoys.

Men aren't one-dimensional creatures, and no two manspaces are alike," says Martin, who got the book after he spent five years and \$3,000 building a 165-year-old writing shed in his back yard in Austin, Texas.

Maguire, whose previous book was 'How to Mow the Lawn: The

Lost Art of Being a Man," sees a real trend toward men claiming bigger and more well-appointed spaces for themselves and their interests.

"When we started doing research, we got tons of responses," he says.

It is a generation of men steeped in HGTV home-makeover shows? The shift in roles and domestic dominion brought on by the women's movement? "Manspace" is short on data and analysis, but Martin, who is launching a Web site and blog called Manspace.com, says this:

"Men have been struggling with identity for a number of years. Manspaces are ways for guys to establish their identity and celebrate it. We've decided to take our pursuits out of the uninsulated garage, where we shared them with the car, and move them up front.

"Also, there are more men working at home now. Maybe that's why men's spaces are more accepted and needed."

David Ballinger, whose spiffy Metrosled is featured in the book, says he conceived his modern, prefabricated building line (www.metrosled.com) as an easy way to erect a home office. But just as many customers are turning them into quirky manspaces, he says.

Along with creating poker rooms, or places to smoke cigars or play pool, says Ballinger, customers have used Metrosleds as welding shops and motorcycle garages.

"And we've got one guy who sits in his and watches his llamas and alpacas in a field," he says.

The guys featured in "Manspace" seem to have had no problem convincing wives and girlfriends that building rock-climbing walls, devoting spare rooms to collections of fishing tackle, or erecting sizable outbuildings in which to commune with one's muse were a great use of space and the family budget.

Locally, though, if our own informal survey is a gauge, women are keeping a tighter rein on domestic space and the best the guys can hope for is the basement.

"My wife said I'm allowed to do whatever I want on a subterranean level," says Bruce Clark, whose manspace is the large walk-out basement he added to the house he and his wife built 17 years ago. Along with a home office, the

space is a display room for more than 30 vintage pinball machines and video games.

"My wife had the rest of the house to work with — floral drapes, feminine design, whatever she wanted. The finished basement is mine," Glen Macnow, a WIP radio host, says of his classic subterranean manspace, whose decor features a Three Stooges poster, a pool table, a pinball machine, a table hockey game, and a 36-inch TV for sports viewing.

Gary Reighn, who created a basement media room designed to evoke the control rooms from the various "Star Trek" series, says he has no problem deferring to his wife's decorating preferences for their suburban Philadelphia home.

"The reason I could do such a far-out theme is it's in the basement, so it doesn't clash with the rest of the house, which is country Colonial," says Reighn, whose room, dubbed The Bridge, is featured in "Manspace."

Gordon Hart, a professor of counseling psychology at Temple University, wonders, though, whether some men's impulse to carve out a manspace is always a positive.

"I have seen too many couples in my practice where the man is in the other part of the house in his space and he doesn't come out," says Hart, author of "Power and Intimacy in Men's Development."

"If they are out building a clubhouse in the basement or a nook in the garage, then maybe they haven't negotiated adequately for the rest of the space in the house," Hart says. "For some men, it's a reluctance to engage in conflict with their spouse over that Elvis-on-black-velvet painting."

Not for Barrie Maguire. Last year, he and his wife, a freelance editor who also works at home, completed a renovation and addition that gave him a handsome new second-floor office and created one for her on the ground floor.

But Maguire still loves his little garage, where he spends three hours every morning creating large-scale paintings of famous Irish writers. (You can see them at www.maguiregallery.com.)

"I have had so many guys come in here over the years — the propane-delivery man, the FedEx guy — and everyone of them says, 'Oh, man, I need a place like this.'"



**GARY REIGHN'S BASEMENT** media room, which he dubbed The Bridge, was designed to evoke the space ship control rooms seen on various Star Trek series in Philadelphia, Pa.



**BARRIE MAGUIRE'S PAINTING** studio sits next to his home in Narberth, Pa.



**WIP RADIO HOST GLEN MACNOW** refurbished his basement and added a pinball machine, fireplace and beer fridge, in Havertown, Pa.

# Beaches and history draw searchers with metal detectors

**BY KUSON FREEHLING**  
DAILY PRESS

REPORT NEWS, Va. — From Yorktown Beach alone, Ina Finn found a long tray with silver and gold. A 10-carat white gold ring with 10 small diamonds lies in a small button dating back to the Civil War era. Big hoop earrings under a bright yellow shirt and a silver heart pendant. There's a tag for a dog named Oliver who apparently was trucked on the beach.

Finn found all of it buried in the sand. As with her metal detector, Finn, Va., woman never knows what she'll find next. "It's all about the hunt," she said. "I don't know what's under there, so very solitary, very peaceful, out in the fresh air and in your own world."

Beach lovers wouldn't trade swimming and sunbathing for metal detecting as they walk the

shore. But a growing number of locals are trying the hobby, according to Finn and other members of the Tidewater Coin & Relic Club. The club holds monthly meetings — about 30 people might attend at a time — and two organized treasure hunts a year.

For most people, the draw isn't uncovering riches, said Sherry Ferguson, a Suffolk resident and director of public relations for the group.

In fact, she looks for original owners whenever possible. Although most jewelry has no identifying information, class rings tend to have clues, and lost-and-found advertisements in newspapers can help. Lost glasses go to the Lions Club, which distributes them to people in need.

"You get a lot more satisfaction by returning something, or knowing someone is using it," Ferguson said.

Gary Gray, who has been metal detecting for 11 years, has returned at least six rings. But his

favorite find is an 11-inch-long Civil War artillery shell. Where did he find it? Gray keeps that a secret because he might venture to the same spot again.

"Somewhere in Southeastern Virginia," he said with a smile.

Metal detecting takes practice, said Finn, a 10-year veteran. The detectors, which can cost anywhere from \$140 to more than \$1,000, create beeping sounds when their circular heads pass over buried objects. The tone varies depending on what's there — high frequency for coins, for example, and mid-to-low frequency for gold.

The key is to keep the head, also called a coil, parallel to the ground and as close to the ground as possible. Detectors can sense objects buried 6 to 10 inches underground. Some have waterproof electronics and can go underwater.

"It takes knowing your machine," Finn said, "and a lot of patience."

Treasure hunters walk alone because detectors can interfere with each other. They carry long-handled scoops to dig up objects and carry away trash, usually a lot of bottle caps and soda tabs. Some people keep machines at home to test the authenticity of jewels.

Wet sand at the ocean's edge tends to be a promising place to search, especially during low tide on busy beach weekends. That's where many people lose jewelry they were afraid to leave in their hotel rooms. Virginia Beach is a popular spot because there's so much room to venture into wooded areas and have even helped police track down bullets at crime scenes.

Ferguson was in downtown Suffolk



**TIDEWATER COIN & RELIC CLUB MEMBERS** Sherry Ferguson (left), Gary Gray (back center), and Ina Finn comb the beach on the Yorktown waterfront for metal objects in Yorktown, Va. The group goes to many locations to pursue the hobby of metal detecting.



**TIDEWATER COIN & RELIC CLUB** secretary Ina Finn of Suffolk, Va., has found a few of her finds over the years from the beach and in the water on the Yorktown waterfront.

folk when she found a big copper coin from 1830 about a half-inch underground. Although she estimates its value at just \$5, she likes having it in her collection. "It's a piece of history," she said.

While metal detectors sometimes check with museums about historical finds, the museums typically have similar items already, Gray said. He displays his Civil War artillery shell at historical festivals and libraries.

Sunbathers often ask people with metal detectors what they're doing or what they've found. Often, someone will want help finding a lost item.

"They'll say, 'Did you by any chance see a Rolex?'" Gray said. "Or,

"Did you find some change I dropped? Things like that."

Earlier this year, a man approached Finn at Yorktown Beach and begged her to look for his grandmother's ring from the 1800s. The heirloom had slipped off his finger as he was throwing a football. Finn searched the beach three times before she dug up the ring while standing in knee-deep water.

"It was like finding a needle in a haystack," she said. "I got a \$100 reward, but that was nothing compared to the thrill of how happy he was."

Still, treasure hunters sometimes invoke the "finders keepers" rule. Finn might have one ring she found at Yorktown Beach cut to fit her finger. "I might wear it as my wedding band," she said. "It's just beautiful."

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Heat oven to 400 degrees. Cut tops off bell peppers; remove seeds and membranes. Place peppers upright in 8-inch square baking dish, cutting thin slice off bottoms of peppers to stabilize, if necessary.

Combine tomatoes, tomato sauce and 1 tablespoon parsley in large bowl. Remove and reserve 1 cup tomato mixture. Combine ground beef, onion, rice, remaining 2 tablespoons parsley, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, salt and black pepper with remaining tomato mixture in bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly.

Spoon beef mixture evenly into peppers. Top with reserved tomato mixture. Cover baking dish with aluminum foil.

Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover baking dish; continue baking 35 to 40 minutes to medium (160 degrees) doneness, until beef is not pink in center and juices show no pink color. Garnish with parsley, if desired.

Total preparation and cooking time: 1-1/2 hours. Makes 4 servings

**Cook's Tip:** Due to the natural nitrate content of certain ingredients such as onions, celery and bell peppers, ground beef may remain pink even when a 160 degrees internal temperature has been reached. Always verify the internal temperature with a meat thermometer or instant-read thermometer to be certain it reaches 160 degrees.

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**Q** My front yard is mostly shade with a northwest exposure. I planted several hydrangeas that do well except on those really hot days. The direct sun from 4 to 6 p.m. burns their leaves and blossoms. I want to replace them with something bushy that has nice summer color and will tolerate only two hours of really hot, direct sun. What should I plant?

**A** It's typical for us to have several heat spells with temperatures over one hundred degrees for several days. On the other days, it's my assumption that the exposure is fine for the hydrangeas and the other plants already in place.

However, suggesting a replacement plant(s) that meets your criteria are tough. My biggest concern is the exposure that is typical for this area most of the time.

It's too shady for plants that tolerate heat. You might try planting a few flower carpet roses but they may not be tall enough for you. My suggestion would be to change nothing. Instead, I'd suggest you protect the hydrangeas from the heat by covering them with shade cloth. Shade cloth is available at many garden centers and home improvement retailers. It comes in different density so get the one that provide the most shade. This would be a temporary covering.

You set out wooden stakes around the plant(s) and then drape the shade cloth over the



**BUZZ BERTOLERO**  
The Dirt Gardener

plant(s) using the stakes for support. This is an identical technique used during the winter months for frost protection. The covering would be set up when the weather forecast calls for hot temperatures over ninety-five degrees.

With the five-day and/or seven-day forecast published in the newspaper or part of the evening news, it shouldn't be that difficult in anticipating the hot weather.

**Q** I have discovered raspberry vines growing along the side of my house. How can I get rid of them permanently? I've read something about killing weeds with vinegar? Would this work on the raspberries?

**A** Vinegar is not a good solution for killing raspberries or blackberries as it only kills the top growth and not much of the roots. Raspberries have an aggressive root system so you'll need a her-

bicide that translocates downward. Vinegar would be as effective as a hoe. Within a short period of time, the vines would return. I'd spray the raspberries with the herbicide called Brush Killer.

If the raspberries are mixed in with other plants, the problem becomes more difficult. The herbicide will also kill desirable plants. You still can spray the open area but not around the plants. I'd use a tank sprayer instead of a hose end sprayer to minimize the spray drift. Around the plants, first cut back the berry vines to six to eight inches long and then with a small paintbrush hand apply the herbicide solution.

You'll repeat the process as necessary. I wouldn't expect the problem to be solved his year. The growing season will conclude with the ending of Daylight Saving Time.

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# Experts share business insight at Sixth Annual Small Business Symposium on Nov. 2

City of Oakland and council member Larry Reid host more than 30 business workshops

**CITY OF OAKLAND** — Considering starting a business or opening a franchise in Oakland? Looking for ways to expand your existing Oakland business? Register today for the Sixth Annual Small Business Symposium slated for Nov. 2. Hosted by the City of Oakland and Oakland City Council member Larry Reid (District 7), the free symposium will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oakland Marriott City Center/Oakland Convention Center, 1001 Broadway, in downtown Oakland. Following a general breakfast session, dozens of workshops

will be offered throughout the day with topics ranging from business plan development, bookkeeping and accounting for start-up businesses and how to gain access to capital.

New for 2006, the symposium will present three workshops on business franchises conducted in partnership with the International Franchise Association. These workshops will provide insight into the various types of franchise opportunities available and steps to successful operation of a franchise.

Also new this year is a general breakfast session entitled "Golden Opportunities in a City on the Move," where a panel of elected city officials, City and Port staff and local developers will provide insight into future Oakland developments and the opportunities they present for small business. "This breakfast session will serve as a road map to future opportunities within Oakland for small business owners," said

council member Reid. "Over the years, I and my colleagues on the Oakland City Council have worked diligently to ensure the City supports and encourages local small business owners."

The Sixth Annual Small Business Symposium will also feature an expanded youth entrepreneurial symposium for high school students. Held in partnership with Global Education Partnership, sessions led by business experts will provide youth with valuable information about starting their own businesses and all aspects of operating a small business.

Symposium attendance remains free thanks to the generous support of SunCal Companies, Wells Fargo Bank, Signature Properties, Citibank, Forest City Enterprises and the Port of Oakland. "From the inception of the Small Business Symposium, Wells Fargo Bank has encouraged and enhanced local business development through our various lending

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SunCal Companies, developers of the former Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, joined as sponsor this year to "strengthen SunCal's commitment of working with local business owners and residents to create a viable opportunity for the all residents of Oakland," said SunCal's Pat Kallier.

While admission to the symposium's workshops, general breakfast session, luncheon and post-event mixer is free, advanced registration is required. Participants may register by calling 510-986-2855 or online at [www.oaklandsmallbusiness.org](http://www.oaklandsmallbusiness.org). In the words of Councilmember Reid, "Small business owners deserve a free event to enhance their businesses."

## Halloween festivities at Mountain View Cemetery

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puter screens. They ad-  
dress their office cu-  
ples with action figures — or, like  
international CEO Richard  
Tuck, this isn't Peter Pan.  
They're responsible thirty-  
and-fiftysomethings who  
let adulthood deprive them  
of life.

Common misperception is  
that a young virgin sack in  
his basement," says Christo-  
pher, who charts the trend  
book, "Rejuvenation." "But  
majority have healthy fam-  
ilies and high-stress jobs  
to give up stuff they  
want. One part of your day  
is an annual report, heading  
to the bakery for cupcakes,  
and online about HR Pinstuff."  
Tuck calls that playfulness a  
"place where you  
can bring that same spirit  
to a responsible life."

Tuck has known that  
he was 12.  
"I was a long, long time ago,"  
said 57-year-old CEO, "that if I  
go to goals like adults often do,  
I need to be deprived, that  
I work for me. In my life,  
I have to be fun and once  
that, everything in the uni-  
verse sense."

In addition to his El Sobrante,  
company, Tuck manages Circus  
Chimera and works on his favorite  
project, a family fun center that will  
eventually become Playland-Not-At-  
The-Beach. Scores of volunteers  
gather each weekend to build  
amusement park displays, refurbish  
toys, and play a little pinball.

"My title is Master of Fun," says  
Tuck. "With Playland, with Chimera,  
I am a catalyst to help other peo-  
ple discover the child inside and  
enjoy every moment."

It was only a few decades ago  
that any self-respecting grown-up  
limited his leisure hours to golf and  
bridge. The more daring might  
tackle canasta or Yahtzee, but a  
Twister party? Kickball? Puh-leeze.

Not anymore. Today there are  
mini-golf tournaments in Myrtle  
Beach and hopscotch fund-raisers  
in San Francisco, which boasts about  
40 kickball teams with unabashedly  
playful names like the Baby Boun-  
cies, Los Sexies and Giggidy Gig-  
gly Goo. The latter is a reference  
not to babytalk, but to Quagmire,  
the Hefner wannabe on TV's "Family  
Guy" — a TV cartoon resurrected  
from the depths of cancellation by a  
legion of rabid adult fans.

That's rejuvenation at work. And  
it's not just cities. The suburbs have  
embraced cartoons, kickball and  
cupcakes, too.  
"People always think it's for kids,"  
says Julie Vehorn, manager of Love  
at First Bite cupcake bakery in  
Berkeley, "but our biggest clientele  
is adults."

And the city of Danville is hoping

to replicate San Francisco's bouncy  
success with the East Bay's first adult  
kickball league this fall, says park  
and rec sports coordinator Amy  
Perenon. And the sport has been a  
hot topic among her counterparts in  
other East Bay cities.

"We discuss trends," says  
Perenon. "This is an up-and-com-  
ing trend."

It was kickball that brought  
Noxon and his wife, a television  
producer, together in the first place. A  
writer and stay-at-home dad, Noxon  
was watching cartoons with his kids  
when he first realized that today's  
grown-ups had reinvented them-  
selves somewhere along the way.

"I (was) spending big portions of  
my day watching SpongeBob and  
eating popsicles and having an in-  
credibly good time," he says. "I real-  
ized this is not the kind of parenting  
my own parents did with me."

In fact, the idea of serious, stead-  
fast adulthood dates to the Victo-  
rian era. Etiquette books touted self-  
control and formality, says Noxon,  
with rules "about as natural and for-  
giving as the rib cage-crushing  
corsets of the era."

An 1883 book, "Manners, Eti-  
quette and Deportment," cautioned  
that adults should "keep yourself  
quiet and composed under all cir-  
cumstances." A family magazine  
published in 1889 was even blunter:  
"The only safety for man or woman  
is to do exactly right. The least de-  
viation from the path of rectitude  
may lead to the direst disaster."

That path of rectitude echoed  
down through the decades — un-



**RICHARD TUCK STANDS IN FRONT** of a mural celebrating amusement parks at Playland-Not-At-The-Beach in El Cerrito. The museum and family fun center features toys, games and memorabilia from bygone amusement parks and circuses.

til the baby boomers came of age.  
"In the flower children," says  
Noxon, "there was a lot of romantic  
innocence and wonder of the child  
wrapped up in the anti-establishment  
fighting against this Ozzie and Har-  
riet ideal of what adulthood was."

The boomers transformed the  
notion of adulthood, adding first  
a wistful nostalgia for their child-  
hood selves and then a full-blown  
embrace of those childhood pur-  
suits. Today, it's all cross-genera-  
tional. Teens love SpongeBob and  
Strawberry Shortcake, the treacly  
cartoon character marketed to the

toddler set. And more than a quar-  
ter of Disney World's clientele are  
people in their 50s and 60s — with  
no kids.

And the enthusiasm for playful  
children's pursuits holds true for  
generations that have come since,  
says Noxon, even though many  
members of the X and Y genera-  
tions didn't have those "wondrous  
childhood memories to start with.  
A lot of the Xers I talk with lived  
through the divorce spike. They  
were latchkey kids."

Kickball and cupcakes bring lev-  
ity to a stressed-out exec's day,

says Noxon, but it shouldn't be  
taken as carte blanche for other  
childlike behaviors, like brattiness  
or poor impulse control. And,  
Noxon adds sorrowfully, today's su-  
per-charged, ultra competitive en-  
vironment can taint even the most  
innocent, goofball pursuits.

Kickball has formal leagues, by-  
laws and, in the newest develop-  
ment, "kicking strategists" who will  
teach you how to run up to home  
plate, pigtails flying, and launch that  
big red rubber ball on a properly  
competitive trajectory.

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**"SANTA CLAWS"** by Laura Leuck.

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Olive is merrily preparing for Christmas when suddenly she realizes "Olive... the other Reindeer... I thought I was a dog. Hmm, I must be a Reindeer!" So she quickly hops aboard the polar express and heads to the North Pole. And while Santa and the other reindeer are a bit surprised that a dog wants to join the team, in the end Olive and her unusual reindeer skills are just what Santa and his veteran reindeer team need.

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■ **"The Night Before Christmas"** by Clement C. Moore, com-

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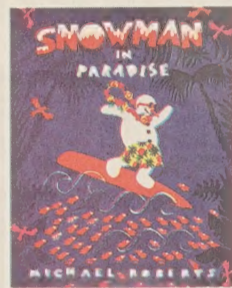
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**"SNOWMAN IN PARADISE"** by Michael Roberts.

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**"NICK JR. I MADE IT MYSELF! CHRISTMAS."**

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This guide teaches fifteen classic card games and includes a deck of Nick-themed playing cards.

■ **"Game Night: Fun for the Whole Family!"** by Scott M. Johnson, illustrated by David Sheldon. Ages 6 and up, \$24.95, ISBN: 0-8118-5274-1.

Featuring 11 games, this includes everything needed to inspire families to turn off the television and enjoy a night (or day) of family fun.

■ **"Kangoodle: A Mix-and-Match Menagerie!"** by Janet Langford. Ages, \$8.95, ISBN: 0-8118-5256-3.

Mix and match heads and bodies to make a kangoodle (kangaroo crocodile) and many more creatures with this accordion-style book.

■ **"Animal Flash Cards"** by Carle. All ages, \$14.95, ISBN: 0-8118-5256-3.

These flash cards, featuring illustrations, serve as an introduction to the ABCs.

■ **"DC Superheroes: A to Draw Kit!"** by DC Comics. Ages 9 and up, \$16.95, ISBN: 0-8118-5574-0.

This drawing portfolio includes a 48-page book, pencil, paper, instructional poster, and an animated booklet.

■ **"SmartLab: You Build It! Star Microphone"** with book by Marty Jourard. Ages 8 and up, \$24.99, ISBN: 1-932855-51-3.

Kids take center stage in a style with a hip headset and a mic that pumps their voice, over the voice song, through the radio.

■ **"SmartLab: Weird and Gross Challenge!"** by Ben Grosblatt. Ages 8 and up, \$19.99, ISBN: 1-932855-48-3.

A new electronic question-answer game featuring 1,000 questions that can be played with one or two players.



**"SMARTLAB: WEIRD AND GROSS CHALLENGE!"** by Ben Grosblatt.

■ **"SmartLab: You Mix It! Formula Lab"** with book by Levine and Leslie Johnston. Ages 8 and up, \$12.99, ISBN: 1-932855-50-5.

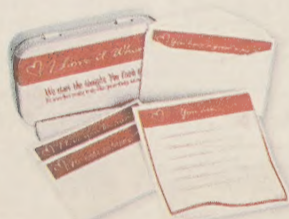
Includes tools and instructions to make 15 secret formulae glow-in-the-dark slime to change paper.

For more information or to visit [www.chroniclebooks.com](http://www.chroniclebooks.com)

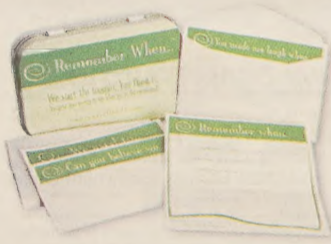
### Smiles Make Easy starts the thought and you finish it

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### Stretch holiday shopping budget by turning spare change into gifts, for free

COINSTAR

Coinstar Centers now offer free coin counting when consumers convert their loose change into a name-brand gift card or eCertificate from retailers like Amazon.com, iTunes, Starbucks, Eddie Bauer and more. Coinstar estimates that the average U.S. household has \$99 of spare change sitting idle, which can now easily be turned into great holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Or, keep the gift card for yourself and splurge on a new cashmere sweater or buy holiday music from iTunes without tapping into your holiday shopping budget.

#### Other money-saving tips for the holiday:

- Decide how much money you can afford to spend (or want to spend) and write it down. Stick to it.
- Use cash to purchase presents, and avoid using your credit cards to minimize over spending.
- If you are mailing packages — especially overseas — choose lightweight items that won't run up postage costs.

#### Fun facts:

- A 32-ounce container, filled with an average mix of coins, contains an estimated value of \$57.08 and a one-gallon container holds about \$228.34. How much is in your jar? Visit [www.coinstar.com](http://www.coinstar.com) to find out.
- You have about a 60 percent chance of being successful if you give a gift card to your spouse (ages 18-34 years) (Coinstar National Currency Poll, 2005).
- Eighty percent of men and 76 percent of women would welcome gift cards for the holidays (Coinstar National Currency Poll, 2005).
- Discover the most popular gift card choices by visiting the Gift Card Buyer's Guide at [www.coinstar.com](http://www.coinstar.com).
- Eighty-four percent of females and 74 percent of males would still pick up a penny off the ground (Coinstar National Currency Poll, 2005).
- About 80 percent of American households accumulate change and about 25 percent do nothing with it.

### Kids DVDs for holiday gift-giving

#### Over the Hedge — suggested retail price \$19.95.

Just whose backyard is it, anyway? Based on the popular comic strip, these crazy critters awake from their long winter's nap to discover that a large, green hedge has cropped up right in the middle of their habitat. Enjoy their adventures 'over the hedge' with an all-star voice cast. Bonus features include Hammy in his own short film, "Hammy's Boomerang Adventure," a "Behind-the-Hedge" featurette, a hilarious spoof with the Verminator and many more surprises.

#### X-MEN: The Last Stand — suggested retail price \$29.98.

X-Men: The Last Stand features popular comic book characters Wolverine, Beast, Storm, Cyclops, Professor X and Magneto — mutant heroes sworn to defend a world that hates and fears them. Bonus features include 21 deleted scenes and three alternate endings, amazing special effects, fast-paced action and a clever storyline. "X-Men: The Last Stand" is a DVD that most families can watch together.

### A Barbie Digital Camera for the young ladies on your list

OREGON SCIENTIFIC

The aspiring photographer will be delighted with the Barbie Digital Camera by Oregon Scientific. Great for capturing digital images and video clips of everything from sleepovers to soccer matches, the hot pink camera can also be connected to a PC with a USB cable, which is included. A Barbie cameo appears on the face and wrist strap of the camera, while white graphics contrast with the bold pink background.

Images are taken in a VGA 640 x 480 resolution and the 8MB built-in storage holds up to 240 images at QVGA 320 x 240 resolution with compression. Creative editing software, adjustable wrist strap, and user's manual are also included. Compatible with Windows 98/2000/ME/XP.

Suggested for ages 5 and up. Available at Toys R Us, [www.toysrus.com](http://www.toysrus.com), Ritz Camera, JC Penny catalog, Etoys, Fred Meyer and [www.BestBuy.com](http://www.BestBuy.com) for a suggested retail price of \$29.99.



### Let PlumpStocking.com help fill your holiday stockings

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### Snack and Play Travel Tray

STAR KIDS

The Snack and Play Travel Tray keeps kids busy in the backseat on short or long trips by providing a flat, safe area for children to play. The product is made of soft, durable foam and 100 percent nylon, this gadget buckles around the child, the car seat or car's Easy to pop on and off, yet it collapses upon impact in the emergency so it is safe and was crash tested by a federally recognized laboratory for safety. It fits most car and booster seats and a 2-inch wall to prevent toys and food from falling off, plus two side pockets for easy storage of food, drink, and toys. The Snack and Play Travel Tray retails for just under \$20. For more information visit [www.starproducts.com](http://www.starproducts.com).

Note from the editor: A co-worker used our tester with his 18-month-old son. He said the tray was a bit time-consuming to install on trips around town, but was great on longer trips. He also thought it might be more suitable for children two and older.



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